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# Excelsior Village Academies

## Minutes

### Excelsior Village Academies' Board Meeting

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#### Date and Time

Saturday April 20, 2024 at 11:00 AM

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#### Location

The Excelsior Village Academies' Board of Directors will meet in person. Please see the location below:

750 Glenwood Ave, Atlanta, GA 30316  
Building 300

You can also join virtually. Please see the meeting details below:

#### Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8754612347?pwd=UXN0amZyMmE3YlVlbnVhbk3JWVGJKUT09>

**Meeting ID: 875 461 2347**

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#### Directors Present

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A. Holmes, D. Paige, K. Rutherford, N. Brinson, R. Hutchins

**Directors Absent**

W. Smith

**Ex Officio Members Present**

M. Flowers

**Non Voting Members Present**

M. Flowers

**Guests Present**

SuAnn De Lo Santos

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**I. Opening Items**

**A. Call the Meeting to Order**

N. Brinson called a meeting of the board of directors of Excelsior Village Academies to order on Saturday Apr 20, 2024 at 11:10 AM.

**B. Approve Minutes**

N. Brinson made a motion to approve the minutes from Excelsior Village Academies' Board Meeting on 03-16-24.  
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

**C. Record Attendance**

**D. Board Announcements**

Board Member I. Nelson-Graham has completed one year commitment and will be leaving board effective today.

**II. Updates**

**A. Pre-Opening Checklist**

- Building Code has been obtained, filed with GaDOE that EVA is opening in Fall '24
- We have solidified the student information system, Infinite Campus
- Looking to be updated on GaDOE website with correct naming moniker

**B. Enrollment**

- 120 Applications in the system now

- 91% of the way to 50% enrollment target (8 more applications)
- 78% of the way to 85% percent applied target (33 more applications)
- Increased Enrollment South of Stockbridge, ramping up efforts in the areas moving forward

### **C. Hiring**

- Almost entirely hired in leadership positions
  - DOI, DOS and Ops Associate hired thus far
  - Interviews coming up for Student Services Coordinator
- Ask: Please repost and share in networks to help garner more interests

### **D. Facilities**

- Closing this Wednesday, April 24 after a few hiccups
- Signage will be available to be posted after closing

### **E. Grants**

- Update on CSP: Will access to all grant funding expands over 3 years but majority of expenditures will be year 1 to furnish for 3 grades, curriculum, etc
- RedefinedEd: In good standing, received last \$75k for this year. All documentation has been submitted
- New School Growth Fund: Funding to be released mid-June for Year 1 funding, meeting set to present to the team to qualify for \$300-\$600K for Year 1

## **III. Board Business**

### **A. Board Training**

- All board members have completed in-person board training
- 6-hour virtual trainings due Friday, April 26

### **B. In-Person Meetings**

- Ensure we are following open meeting norms
- Budget hearings coming soon before June 30 to ensure that we are in compliance

## **IV. Community Engagement Task Force**

### **A. Phone Banking Next Steps**

### **B. Upcoming Events**

- Partnering with City of Stockbridge and their Event Coordinator
- Partnering with Chamber of Commerce

- Monday Information Sessions have proved to help cause upticks in the applications

Wellness Event - April 27 (ReCharge Wellness Park - JP Moseley Park - 2-7p)  
Groundbreaking - May 11 (1-6p)

- Need Volunteers

## V. Finance

### A. Board Dues

- Reminder on Board Dues
  - Set up payments on Bloomerang

### B. Budget

- Budget is still in draft form, but the finance committee is reviewing the budget to present to the board
- Note: We will not be getting \$75k for facilities based on changes in policy from CSP, so we will need to account for that in the budget
- Board will need to vote on School Leader salary for Year 1 in a subsequent meeting
- Each staff member has a \$4k allotment for professional development which can be used for certification, master's, etc

### C. Fundraising

### D. Next Steps

## VI. Executive Session

### A. Executive Session Summary

We discussed the qualifications of a new board member.

N. Brinson made a motion to close the executive session.

D. Paige seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

## VII. Board Business

### A. New Board Member

N. Brinson made a motion to approve Tyler Burrell as new board member and Vice Chair.

D. Paige seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

#### **VIII. Dates to add to Calendar**

##### **A. Upcoming Board Governance Training**

April 30th - Last day to complete all training (April 26 will be target date for board)

#### **IX. Closing Items**

##### **A. Adjourn Meeting**

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 12:19 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

N. Brinson