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Living School

Minutes

Living School Board Meeting

Date and Time

Tuesday September 27, 2022 at 7:00 PM

Location

Living School, 6003 Bullard Ave, Suite 16, New Orleans, LA 70128

All are welcome at Living School Board Meetings. Translation is available with 24 hours notice.

Public comment is welcome on any item on the agenda. At the end of each agenda item, there will be a time for public comment. Members of the public wishing to comment on any agenda item, may raise their hand at this designated time and be recognized by the Chair to speak for up to 2 minutes per person, per agenda item. On any matter up for a vote, public comment must be heard prior to taking the Board's vote.

For members of the public wishing to address the Board for longer than 2 minutes on any given agenda item, please give the Chair at least 24 hours notice to be added to the agenda. We will strive to accommodate longer items but cannot guarantee room on a given meeting's agenda.

Directors Present

A. Odiduro (remote), B. Holmes-Nick, D. Cager, D. Mitchell, M. Davis, M. Lehnerr, N. Kyle, P. Roussel, R. Ashmore, T. Simon

Directors Absent

A. Medley, D. Lister, K. Mutepfa

Guests Present

A. Winzy, Alaina Comeaux (remote), B. Hasan, Delise Hampton (remote), Katie Wills Evans (remote), Rubi Brown, S. Pasternak, Whitney Dickerson

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance and Guests

B. Call the Meeting to Order

D. Mitchell called a meeting of the board of directors of Living School to order on Tuesday Sep 27, 2022 at 7:00 PM.

II. Voting Items

A. Approve Board Meeting Agenda

R. Ashmore made a motion to approve the agenda.

M. Davis seconded the motion.

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

B. Approve Board Meeting Minutes

M. Davis made a motion to approve the minutes from Living School Board Meeting on 08-23-22.

R. Ashmore seconded the motion.

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

C. Elect Leslie Haas to the Board of Directors

Dr. Haas declined the nomination today.

D. Hire Luther Speight & Co. as FY23 Auditors

The committee recommends continued use of Speight & Co as our auditors.

M. Davis made a motion to approve Speight & Co. as our FY23 auditors per the attached engagement letter.

R. Ashmore seconded the motion.

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

E. Proposal to use Signal App for Board text communications

Rubi from the Transcendent Legal Group says this is appropriate as long as we continue to abide by open-meetings law and Board communications.

T. Simon made a motion to adopt the use of Signal for Board text communications.

M. Lehnherr seconded the motion.

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

F.

Approve Mutual Aid Resolution

R. Ashmore made a motion to accept the amended language for the Mutual Aid Resolution.

D. Mitchell seconded the motion.

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

MD: Have we received Stefin's letter of assurance.

SP: Yes, it was attached to May's Board Meeting Agenda.

DM: Have we established the new policies for distributing Mutual Aid Moving Forward.

SP: We have not yet had a chance to develop these policies given the focus on navigating staffing transitions.

III. Executive Session

A. Discussion about CEO Performance Concerns

P. Roussel made a motion to move the Board into Executive Session.

M. Davis seconded the motion.

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

M. Lehnherr made a motion to vote to start the Executive Session.

B. Holmes-Nick seconded the motion.

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

M. Davis made a motion to leave Executive Session and return to normal meeting procedures.

R. Ashmore seconded the motion.

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

IV. CEO Board Report

A. CEO Report

Stefin Pasternak presented the CEO Board Report, answering questions from the Board and public in attendance.

V. Board Committee Reports

A. Governance & Evaluation Committee

Danneka Mitchell noted that the updates from the Governance & Evaluation Committee were discussed in Executive Session.

B. Finance & Development Committee Report

Traci Simon noted that budget to actuals are on-track and we remain in a solid budget situation.

C.

Academic & Culture Committee Report

Dr. Cager had already left and the committee noted that most of their discussion was covered in the CEO Board Report.

VI. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

KWE: As a member of the school's instructional staff, she recognizes that she is not a voting member of the Board. The Executive Session was indicative of the lack of transparency toward the most impacted community members at this supposedly Democratic School.

AB: How & when should the staff expect to hear updates from the Executive Session?

DM: Updates will be posted to the Board's next agenda ahead of next month's meeting.

MJ: Can the Board summarize what was discussed in the Executive Session?

DM: We will not discuss it at this time but communications about it can be directed to Michelle Craig & Rubi Brown of the Transcendent Legal Group.

DH: Where can the updates be found?

DM: On our public Board Portal linked on our website.

D. Mitchell made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

R. Ashmore seconded the motion.

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

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

D. Mitchell