



# Paramount Schools of Excellence

## **Minutes**

## Paramount Board of Directors Public Meeting

## **Date and Time**

Tuesday July 20, 2021 at 5:30 PM

#### Location

1203 E St Clair St, Door 8 Indianapolis, IN 46202

Public Meeting Notice of Paramount Schools of Excellence Board of Directors

Board of Directors Meeting July 20, 2021 5:30 PM

Topic: PSOE Board Meeting

Time: June 15, 2021 5:30 PM Indiana (East)

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#### **Directors Present**

A. Bekele (remote), B. Eldridge (remote), C. Park (remote), J. Amu, L. Smith, M. Bishop, P. Blackard (remote)

#### **Directors Absent**

J. Hazzard, Jr., T. Rude

#### **Guests Present**

Aerionna Martin (remote), B. Richardson (remote), Brandalyn Hayes (remote), D. Sawyers (remote), E. Mendez (remote), H. Okerson (remote), J. Hurley (remote), J. Monk (remote), Justin Braun (remote), K. Beauchamp (remote), K. Sherrow (remote), Lindsay Omlor (remote), Marc Hardy (remote), Stefanie Hanes (remote), T. Gustin (remote)

## I. Opening Items

## A. Record Attendance and Guests

## B. Call the Meeting to Order

J. Amu called a meeting of the board of directors of Paramount Schools of Excellence to order on Tuesday Jul 20, 2021 at 5:31 PM.

## **II. Public Comments**

#### A. Public Comments

No members of the public were in attendance who wished to make comment.

## III. Consent Agenda Review and Approval

## A. Review and Approve Minutes

- J. Amu made a motion to approve the minutes from Paramount Board of Directors on 06-15-21.
- M. Bishop seconded the motion.

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

#### Roll Call

A. Bekele Aye J. Hazzard, Jr. Absent C. Park Aye L. Smith Aye J. Amu Aye M. Bishop Aye B. Eldridge Aye P. Blackard Absent T. Rude Absent

## **B.** Voucher Approval

- J. Amu made a motion to approve vouchers as distributed.
- M. Bishop seconded the motion.

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

#### **Roll Call**

T. Rude Absent C. Park Aye J. Hazzard, Jr. Absent P. Blackard Absent L. Smith Aye J. Amu Aye B. Eldridge Aye A. Bekele Aye M. Bishop Aye

#### **IV. New Business**

## A. Cyber Security Assessment Review

J. Braun shared the results of the cyber security audit conducted by Blue & Co. along with steps being taken to address areas of need cited in the report.

## **B. POA Bank Account**

- J. Amu made a motion to open an account at the National Bank of Indianapolis for Paramount Online Academy.
- L. Smith seconded the motion.

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

## Roll Call

T. Rude Absent

#### Roll Call

B. Eldridge Aye
J. Amu Aye
J. Hazzard, Jr. Absent
M. Bishop Aye
C. Park Aye
P. Blackard Aye
A. Bekele Aye
L. Smith Aye

## C. Englewood Notice of Noncompliance

T. Reddicks and D. Sawyers shared specifics of the letter of noncompliance for Paramount Englewood from OEI along with next steps to ensure the areas of need are addressed promptly.

## D. New Community School Contract Review and Approval

- L. Smith made a motion to approve the New Community School contract as distributed.
- J. Amu seconded the motion.

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

#### **Roll Call**

B. Eldridge Aye L. Smith Aye A. Bekele Aye P. Blackard Aye C. Park Aye T. Rude Absent J. Amu Ave J. Hazzard, Jr. Absent M. Bishop Aye

## E. Revised Bylaws Approval

This vote has been tabled until the August meeting.

## F. ESSER III Plan

T. Reddicks approached the board on what the threshold should be on when the board approves grant-related expenses. The board agreed to plan what this policy would be during Finance Committee meetings, including thresholds and feedback from Blue. After the Finance Committee approves a plan, this will then be voted on by the board.

## G. Education 1 at Trine University Update

L. Omlor previewed the Status Update Dashboard for the board and shared event dates for school support. She also shared that Paramount Online Academy received their official opening letter today.

## V. Operations Reports

## A. Navigation Team Reports

## **B.** Principal Reports

- T. Gustin (Cottage Home) shared facilities updates to prepare for teachers to return along with preparation for high-quality staff professional development.
- D. Sawyers (Englewood) shared the school is hosting a new family orientation.
- K. Sherrow (Brookside) shared the school is focused on enrollment, staffing, and back-to-school professional development.
- B. Hayes (Online Academy) shared the staff comes back tomorrow for onsite professional development.
- P. Blackard requested enrollment totals be shared out in all principal reports moving forward.

## VI. Closing Items

## A. Next Meeting

August 17, 2021 5:30 PM

1203 E St. Clair St. Door 8

Description: Join Zoom Meeting https://us06web.zoom.us/j/702256528

## **B.** Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

J. Amu