

APPROVED



Paramount Schools of Excellence

Minutes

Paramount Board of Directors Public Meeting

Date and Time

Tuesday October 17, 2023 at 5:30 PM

Location

1203 E. St. Clair Street Indianapolis, IN 46202
(Enter through Door 8)

Directors Present

B. Eldridge, J. Amu (remote), J. Hazzard, Jr. (remote), M. Bishop (remote), T. Rude

Directors Absent

A. Bekele, E. Mendez

Guests Present

Allison Burgeson (remote), Amanda Webb (remote), Ben Conner (remote), Brandalyn Hayes (remote), Case Calvert (remote), Chris Larson (remote), D. Burroughs (remote), D. Kelly (remote), D. Taylor (remote), Dre Knox, Elysha Jackson (remote), Hanan Abdelmasseteh (remote), J. Hurley (remote), J. Phillips (remote), Justin Braun, K. Gomez (remote), K. Sherrow (remote), Keith Thomas (remote), Kensi Sauley (remote), L. Lucas (remote), Lisa Hopman (remote), M. Miller, Megan Bouckley (remote), Rebecca Norman (remote), Samantha Arjon (remote), Stefanie Hanes (remote), T. Gustin (remote), T. Palacios (remote), Tania Wilson (remote)

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance and Guests

B. Call the Meeting to Order

T. Rude called a meeting of the board of directors of Paramount Schools of Excellence to order on Tuesday Oct 17, 2023 at 5:35 PM.

II. Public Comments

A. Public Comments

No members of the public were present.

III. Consent Agenda Review and Approval

A. Review and Approve Minutes

T. Rude made a motion to approve the minutes from Paramount Board of Directors Public Meeting on 09-19-23.

M. Bishop seconded the motion.

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

B. Voucher Approval

Each consent agenda includes minutes from the prior meeting and the monthly financial packet, including monthly vouchers.

IV. New Business

A. Insurance Discussion

Ben Conner from Conner Insurance shared an overview of the current employee benefits. Ben shared the 2024 renewal budget.

B. Travel Policy Update

Marcus Miller shared that our current travel policy needs to be reviewed based on the increase in staff travel. Over the next few weeks and months, this will be reviewed.

C. GISA Purchase Update

Paramount Schools has closed on the building for the future Girls IN STEM Academy. It is located at 5136 N. Michigan Rd.

D. GISA Zoning Updates

The Paramount team has engaged IceMiller to support the team with the variance. Pen +Principle has also been contracted to support with a more grass roots campaign to help with messaging in the community.

E.

New Board Member Nomination

T. Rude made a motion to approve Jennifer Phillips as a new member of the board.

J. Hazzard, Jr. seconded the motion.

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

F. New Board Secretary Nomination

T. Rude made a motion to approve Elsa Mendez as the new board secretary.

J. Hazzard, Jr. seconded the motion.

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

V. Operations Reports

A. Navigation Team Reports

The Navigation team is highlighting Paramount Online Academy for today's board meeting.

B. POA Principal Report

Elysha Jackson and Samantha Arjon shared updates on Paramount Online Academy.

The team shared data beginning-of-year benchmark data, family engagement, and 22-23 test data.

VI. 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 6:48 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

T. Rude

B. Next Meeting

November 14th @ 5:30 pm (1203 E. St. Clair Street Indianapolis, IN 46202)