



# Elgin Math & Science Academy

## Minutes

### Special Board Meeting

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#### Date and Time

Wednesday January 24, 2024 at 4:00 PM

#### Location

##### Admin Building - SS Classroom

1600 Dundee Avenue

Elgin, IL 60120

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#### Our Mission:

The Elgin Math and Science Academy is an EL Education public charter school.

We strive to support the whole child and develop socially responsible leaders who aspire to create a better world.

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#### Directors Present

A. Gandhi, G. Swick, K. Kelly, K. Shaw, P. Stagen, S. Bennett

#### Directors Absent

A. Gray, B. Lane, D. Haight, M. Toth

#### Guests Present

Akash.Gandhi@nsc.org, K. Coventry, R. Manderschied, kenarndt@hyasearch.com,  
kerryfoderaro@hyasearch.com

## I. Opening Items

### A. Record Attendance and Guests

### B. Call the Meeting to Order

K. Kelly called a meeting of the board of directors of Elgin Math & Science Academy to order on Wednesday Jan 24, 2024 at 4:03 PM.

### C. National Charter School Study 2023

K. Kelly discussed the National Charter School Study 2023 and the information it provided on Charter Schools and Illinois.

## II. Board Meeting

### A. Public Comment

### B. Approval of Minutes of December 7 2023 Special Board Meeting and December 13 Board Meeting

P. Stagen made a motion to approve the minutes from Special Board Meeting on 12-07-23.

A. Gandhi seconded the motion.

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

#### Roll Call

G. Swick Aye

D. Haight Absent

P. Stagen Aye

M. Toth Absent

K. Shaw Aye

A. Gandhi Aye

B. Lane Absent

K. Kelly Aye

S. Bennett Aye

A. Gray Absent

P. Stagen made a motion to approve the minutes from Board of Directors Meeting on 12-13-23.

A. Gandhi seconded the motion.

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

#### Roll Call

M. Toth Absent

D. Haight Absent

P. Stagen Aye

#### **Roll Call**

K. Shaw Aye  
B. Lane Absent  
K. Kelly Aye  
A. Gray Absent  
A. Gandhi Aye  
S. Bennett Aye  
G. Swick Aye

### **C. Board Training Requirements**

Board Training Requirements:

- K. Kelly discussed the required 2-hour training for board members for those who have not done their training and where to access the training. **The deadline is January 31, 2024.**

## **III. Executive Director Search**

### **A. Leadership Profile Report presented to Board**

K, Foderaro and K. Arndt from HYA discussed the Leadership Profile Report to the Board including the survey responses, highlights, and needs. from staff, student, parent, and community feedback for the Executive Director search.

## **IV. Executive Session**

### **A. Motion to Enter Executive Closed Session**

K. Shaw made a motion to enter Executive Closed Session at 4:58 p.m.  
G. Swick seconded the motion.  
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

### **B. Executive Session**

### **C. Motion to Exit Executive Closed Session**

K. Shaw made a motion to exit Executive Closed Session at 6:15 p.m.  
G. Swick seconded the motion.  
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

## **V. Closing Items**

### **A. Public Comment**

### **B. Adjourn Meeting**

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
K. Coventry