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# ALMA *del* MAR

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## Minutes

### Alma del Mar Board of Trustees Meeting

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#### **Date and Time**

Friday June 22, 2018 at 8:45 AM

#### **Location**

515 Belleville Ave., New Bedford, MA 02746

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#### **Trustees Present**

B. Cunningham, C. Arnold, D. Eckert (remote), G. Fortes, J. Baptist, L. Hicks, M. Blasdale, M. Kay, M. Rosario

#### **Trustees Absent**

B. Unger, J. Polk

#### **Guests Present**

B. Kurie

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### **I. Opening Items**

#### **A. Call the Meeting to Order**

J. Baptist called a meeting of the board of trustees of Alma del Mar to order on Friday Jun 22, 2018 at 8:48 AM.

#### **B. Good and New**

C. Hicks reported that by arriving early she got to observe morning routine and interact with scholars and teachers.

W. Gardner shared about the 8th grade passage presentations and one scholar's reflection on her essay.

**C. Record Attendance and Guests**

**D. Approve Minutes**

C. Arnold made a motion to approve minutes from the Alma del Mar Board of Trustees Meeting on 05-25-18 Alma del Mar Board of Trustees Meeting on 05-25-18.

L. Hicks seconded the motion.

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

**II. Executive Director**

**A. E.D. Report**

W. Gardner reported that the preliminary MCAS data shows that we will perform better than last year.

Courtney Reun will start as our Director of Talent in early July. She brings a lot of expertise and has managed talent teams in the private sector previously.

**III. Governance Committee**

**A. Governance Report**

Governance Committee has reviewed the school calendar as well as the trustee roster.

B. Unger and M. Blasdale will term out as of the annual meeting in October. We are actively looking for new trustees.

**IV. Strategic Growth Planning**

**A. Approval of Application for Charter Amendment**

Regarding our application, C. Hicks asked: Who is our audience? Who are we trying to convince? We need to include the arguments to say yes.

W. Gardner reported that the Charter School office at the state will first review the application. They will pull a summary and submit it to Commissioner Jeff Riley, who will decide whether or not to recommend approval to the state board.

Things to highlight: Service of ELL and other selected pops

Trustees requested making the "Green Light" chart more readable. W. Gardner and B. Kurie will work on making the chart more clear.

M. Kay made a motion to approve the Charter Amendment application for submission on behalf of the Board of Trustees.

L. Hicks seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

B. Unger	Absent
J. Polk	Absent
J. Baptist	Aye
D. Eckert	Absent
L. Hicks	Aye
G. Fortes	Aye
M. Rosario	Aye
M. Kay	Aye
M. Blasdale	Aye
C. Arnold	Aye
B. Cunningham	Aye

**V. Approval of 2018-2019 School Calendar**

**A. Approve the 2018-2019 School Calendar**

B. Cunningham made a motion to approve the 2018-2019 school calendar.  
G. Fortes seconded the motion.  
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

**VI. Closing Items**

**A. Farewell to Alice!**

We are going to miss you, Alice!

**B. Adjourn Meeting**

C. Arnold made a motion to adjourn the meeting.  
B. Cunningham 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 10:11 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
B. Kurie

**VII. Finance**

**A. Finance Report**

B. Cunningham reported that the committee is now working with M. Marko, director of Ops at Alma, and C. Fisher at Cetnral Source. She also reported that there was a large professional development expense that went over budget.

**VIII. Development**

**A. Development Report**

We have raised about \$375K with about \$20K going to the replication campaign! Great work and support by all of the board!