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# E.L. Haynes Public Charter School

## Minutes

### E.L. Haynes February Board Meeting

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#### Date and Time

Thursday February 15, 2018 at 8:00 AM

#### Location

4501 Kansas Ave NW, Washington, DC 20011, KS HS - 1st Floor Lounge, Line:Line:202-509-0565 no pin needed

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#### Trustees Present

A. Smith, B. Rawson, C. Garfield, C. Lujan (remote), D. McCoy, E. Westendorf, J. Edelman, M. Hall, M. Marino, M. McDonough, N. Greene, S. Kershow, S. Shah, T. Smith (remote), T. Wincup

#### Trustees Absent

*None*

#### Guests Present

A. Kramer, A. Schlick (remote), B. Wagner-Friel, D. Bonneli, E. Hueber Stoetzer, H. Darilek, J. Sargent, M. Conner, M. Long, P. Hedlund, T. Dixon, V. Carlo-Miranda, V. Gonzalez

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### I. Opening Items

#### A. Record Attendance and Guests

#### B. Call the Meeting to Order

A. Smith called a meeting of the board of trustees of E.L. Haynes Public Charter School to order on Thursday Feb 15, 2018 at 8:05 AM.

#### C. Approve Minutes

S. Kershow made a motion to approve minutes from the E.L. Haynes January Board Meeting on 01-11-18 E.L. Haynes January Board Meeting on 01-11-18.

M. Marino seconded the motion.

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

#### **D. Public Comment**

### **II. CEO Update**

#### **A. Update**

CEO Darilek first welcomed the Principal of each school to the meeting, and remarked on their contributions to the teacher compensation proposal. She then noted that the school year was well into the third quarter with only five weeks to Spring Break.

CEO Darilek thanked Board members who attended the last all-staff session. Board members in attendance provided reflections on the session, and encouraged other Board members to participate in the next session, which will be held on April 20 from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. CEO Darilek then informed the Board of two cross-campus feedback sessions held earlier in the week to obtain input on the school calendar, brand, and planning for next year (with a focus on family engagement).

Next, CEO Darilek provided highlights on each school:

- All three schools will have musical productions: Annie at the Elementary School, Beauty in the Beast at the Middle School, and the Wiz at the High School.
- At the Elementary School, the signature learning program continues to get stronger, with increased rigor and participation from families.
- The Middle School is preparing for a science fair. At the end of the month, eighth graders will visit with civil rights leader and Congressman John Lewis.
- The High School recently supported over 160 E.L. Haynes students, as well as about 15 parents in Summer Youth Employment Program registration.

She then provided other key updates related to the school review and budget. CEO Darilek reminded Board members of upcoming events, including the Black History Month celebration to be held the following week.

### **III. Audit, Finance, and Facilities Committee Report**

#### **A. Proposed Compensation Model for Teachers**

Board Chair Smith provided background on the teacher compensation structure agenda item. She noted the required Board approval of the annual budget, and indicated that teacher compensation is a key driver of overall expenses. Accordingly, the Board would be asked to approve the proposed change in teacher salary scales. Board Chair Smith

thanked COO Carlo-Miranda and her team for their immense efforts in creating and modeling the proposal. She also remarked that the current proposal incorporates input from the Audit, Finance, and Facilities and School Performance Committees. At this time, Board Chair Smith turned to CEO Darilek to review the proposal.

Referring to materials provided in advance of the meeting, CEO Darilek discussed the reasoning for the proposal and reviewed themes from teacher surveys and feedback sessions related to compensation. She explained that teacher feedback has affirmed the guiding principles for compensation: transparency, equity, sustainability, recognition, full picture matters, and external competitiveness.

CEO Darilek then presented the recommended teacher salary scales, discussed key factors considered, and compared the proposal to teacher salaries at DC Public Schools.

She asked Board members for questions about the recommendation and modeled financial impacts. The Board asked numerous questions, including questions about recruitment and the competitiveness of the proposed teacher salaries, potential differentiation of compensation based on advance degrees or certifications, assumptions used to model the impact of the teacher compensation proposal, the scope and length of potential grandfathering under the proposal, potential performance-related components, and how often the new structure would be reviewed, among other topics.

COO Carlo-Miranda then discussed sustainability of the teacher salary proposal, and reviewed assumptions used to model potential impacts. She also described various scenarios comparing the current teacher salary structure to the proposal, and the impact under each scenario on metrics, such as days of cash on hand and debt service coverage ratio.

Board members then asked about key drivers between the most conservative and likely scenarios, as well as the strategy to mitigate potential increases in budget. In response COO Carlo-Mirando explained that the modeled budget is based on the worst case scenario and discussed numerous items that would reduce the required budget.

A. Smith made a motion to approve the teacher salary scale proposal as set forth in the materials provided in advance of the meeting and to review such salary scale in three years or by February 2021.

E. Westendorf seconded the motion.

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

#### **IV. Development Committee Report**

##### **A. 2018 Toast Planning**

Committee Chair McDonough provided an update on the Annual Fund, and noted increases in certain gifts as a result of donor cultivation.

She reminded Board members to provide their commitment level for the Toast for Transformation to Senior Development Director Callahan, as well as to contact individuals on their invite lists. Committee Chair McDonough then noted an upcoming cultivation event that would be held in advance of the Toast for Transformation.

## **V. Governance Committee Report**

### **A. Update**

Committee Chair Rawson recognized fellow Committee members Hall and Smith for their efforts to recruit and screen parent trustee candidates. Committee Chair Rawson indicated that potential Trustee candidates would be discussed in-depth at the March meeting.

## **VI. School Performance Committee Report**

### **A. Q2 Update on 2017-2018 Commitment Dashboard**

Committee Chair Westendorf provided an overview of two topics discussed at the recent School Performance Committee meeting: 1) attendance and absenteeism and 2) middle school metrics. He noted that although E.L. Haynes absenteeism rates are better than city-wide averages, the Committee noted additional work to be done to determine root causes and create solutions.

Committee Chair Westendorf then referred to the materials provided in advance of the meeting, and asked Board members for questions on those materials. Board members asked Mr. Westendorf to provide updates on the following matters at the next Board meeting: recruitment for the Middle School Principal, retention and recruiting strategies at the middle school, and information on the upcoming graduating class.

## **VII. 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 10:00 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
D. McCoy