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## Simple Vue Academy

### Minutes

#### SVA Committee of the Whole Meeting

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**Date and Time**

Wednesday June 18, 2025 at 6:30 PM

**Location**

**The Simple Vue Academy**

3264 Brookmont Pkwy

Douglasville, GA 30135

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**Committee Members Present**

A. Helton, C. Henderson, C. Thorbes, E. Estrada-Olufade, M. Felts, M. Wills Brown, N. Edouard

**Committee Members Absent**

*None*

**Guests Present**

D. Brown, L. Curry

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**I. Opening Items****A. Record Attendance****B. Call the Meeting to Order**

M. Wills Brown called a meeting of the Committee of the Whole Committee of Simple Vue Academy to order on Wednesday Jun 18, 2025 at 6:40 PM.

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### **Approve Minutes**

A. Helton made a motion to approve the minutes from SVA Working Session on 05-29-25.

C. Thorbes seconded the motion.

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

## **II. Committee of the Whole**

### **A. New Board Onboarding**

#### **Board Training**

The board approved the contract with Cobalt 21 for board governance services, effective July 1st. Two mandatory 2-hour training sessions will be conducted in July, with scheduling coordinated through a shared doodle poll. All board members must complete required state training by June 30th at 11:59 PM. New board members joining in June may receive exemptions for the current fiscal year.

#### **Board Compliance**

The board reviewed the mandatory conflict of interest policy requirements. All members will sign annual acknowledgment forms confirming they have read and will comply with the policy.

#### **Governance Transition**

The board discussed transitioning from founding board operations to compliant governance oversight. This transition requires distinguishing between board oversight responsibilities and day-to-day management functions.

- **Committees:** The board will phase in a committee structure to improve efficiency and expertise distribution. Three committees will be established with staggered start dates:
  1. Governance Committee (July)
  2. Finance Committee (August)
  3. Academic Excellence Committee (September)
- **Open Meetings Act Compliance:** Beginning July 1st, all board meetings must comply with Open Meetings Act requirements, including public accessibility. Commission staff may attend meetings for observation purposes.
- **Performance Oversight:** The board will utilize the Comprehensive Performance Framework for measuring school performance and the Leader Keys Evaluation System for school leader evaluation.

### **B. Fundraising Planning**

The fundraising consultant will coordinate the development of a collaborative donor list through a shared Google Drive. The list will be categorized by event including the

October gala, ribbon cutting ceremony, and year-end campaign, with sections for local supporters and national contacts who support the organization.

### **Upcoming Events**

- **Ribbon Cutting Ceremony:** A groundbreaking ceremony and ribbon cutting will be held August 2nd from 4-7 PM, featuring community activities. Board members should arrive at 3 PM for photographs.
- **"A Night Out With SVA":** The fundraising gala is scheduled for October 4th. The board reviewed venue options and is close to finalizing.
- **Year-End Campaign:** An eight-week fundraising campaign will run from late September through mid-December, utilizing multiple outreach methods including Giving Tuesday participation.

### **C. Executive Director's Report by Nandi Edouard**

#### **Partnership Development**

The Simple Vue Academy has been added to RedefinED's portfolio.

#### **Facility Updates**

Mold was discovered in the front office trailer. The landlord has agreed to rent credits for maintenance and repairs, with an attorney-drafted addendum formalizing the arrangement for rent reduction in exchange for facility improvements.

**Charter Schools Program (CSP) Funding:** The CSP drawdown process is experiencing delays. Outstanding vendor invoices are pending payment upon fund availability.

### **III. 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 7:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
D. Brown