



BASSE

Minutes

Bryan Allen Stevenson School of Excellence Board of Directors meeting

Date and Time

Tuesday March 25, 2025 at 6:00 PM

Location

The meeting will take place online at the Conference URL link below. Additionally, as needed, members can attend in person at the Bryan Allen Stevenson School of Excellence building 20346 Ennis Street Georgetown, DE 19947.

https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_eSqy33jNSm22TL8ZjpXMzg

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As needed participants can also meet in person at 20346 Ennis Street Georgetown, DE 19947 to join the online meeting.

Directors Present

B. Renzo (remote), C. Ellis (remote), D. Snyder (remote), J. Cantiello (remote), J. Fried (remote), K. Cauley (remote), K. Higgins (remote), T. Berry (remote)

Directors Absent

A. Shepherd, J. Kim, J. Powell, S. Burton, S. Hailey

Guests Present

alonna berry (remote), brian moore (remote), kekndall massett (remote)

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

T. Berry called a meeting of the board of directors of BASSE to order on Tuesday Mar 25, 2025 at 6:04 PM.

C. Approve Minutes from February 28, 2025

K. Higgins made a motion to approve minutes from previous meeting.

J. Fried seconded the motion.

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

II. Board Chair Report

A. General Announcements and Updates

Kendall Massett was the guest speaker.

Clarification regarding public comment: try to stay with the protocol of requiring submission of the public comment form five days prior to the meeting, but there can be exceptions; once the comment has been made, there should be no response from the board other than "thank you for your comment"; if the topic raised in the public comment warrants further discussion, it can be included on the agenda of the another board meeting.

DE House Education Committee updates: related legislation includes HB 64 which calls for a virtual option of board meetings and opportunity to make public comment virtually; HB 77 related to mandatory board training in areas such as FOIA and how to conduct meetings; HB 78 related to the requirement to record board meetings.

New governor is expected to put forward a budget with strong support for education; the new DOE Secretary Martin comes from a very large district in San Diego where she was superintendent, and Kendall is hopeful she will be interested in working with the funding formula for education in the state.

CharterCon 2025 is March 14.

Dover Charter School Rally is May 15, 2025.

Impact of changes in federal funding for education and education policy in general on DE education still unclear.

Dr. Berry updated the board: Sharvelle Cannon and Cheryl Vaults are now working in the school to support classroom teachers with lesson planning, general curricular support, evaluation and classroom management as well as provide some review of teachers' work.

Brian's title is shifting from School Launch Leader to School Leader.

III. School Staff Reports

A. School Leader Report

Recruiting: While there are a number of recruiting efforts underway, parents remain confused/frustrated by the on-line school choice process, so BASSE is trying to respond to each acceptance within 24 hours to assist with next steps--last year this time we had 198 students enrolled, while this year we have 151 enrolled, 19 new acceptances, and 31 in the pipeline for a total of 191; Student leaders are helping to craft social media messages; Ms. Ellis has secured spots with Milford Market Days for a BASSE table.

Student Activities: Clubs are getting off the ground as well as some sports for the end of the day/after-school time slots, and if we have a sports club up and running this year, we can then have a team next year; new projects around the greenhouse.

School mascot discussions are underway again and the knight with a shield seems to be gaining ground--the BASSE Defenders--be a BASSE ACE!

Ms. Ellis has completed training as a Trauma Informed Caregiver.

IV. Committee Reports

A. Community Outreach

B. Development Committee Report

Kate Cauley reported on the Gala: to date 10K in sponsorship, including two Proximate Club level from Board members; 68 tickets sold; the caterer is Jimmy's Grill; Dr. Kim has volunteered to be bar tender; DJ lined up; decorations all set for venue.

Keep selling tickets, getting sponsors and securing silent auction items!

Dr. Kim reminded everyone of the next fundraiser, the Golf Outing at the Peninsula scheduled for August 4, 2025.

C. Education Committee Report

D. Land and Construction Committee Report

E. Finance Committee Report

Jeffrey Fried reviewed with the Board the meeting minutes from the February 18 and March 18 CBOC meetings as well as the February 2025 financial report.

D. Snyder made a motion to approve the February CBOC meeting minutes as amended and February 2025 financial statement.

K. Higgins seconded the motion.

Dr. Berry amended February 2025 CBOC minutes to include her name as she was present.

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

B. Renzo made a motion to approve the March 18, 2025 CBOC meeting minutes.

K. Higgins seconded the motion.

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

F. Governance Committee Report

V. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

J. Fried made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

B. Renzo seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** 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 7:11 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
K. Cauley

Pursuant to 29 Del. C. § 10004 e (2), the agenda is subject to change to include additional items including executive sessions that arise at the time of the Board's meeting. The Board of the Bryan Allen Stevenson School of Excellence reserves the right to hear any matter out of its order during the meeting. The Board may take breaks during the meeting.