



Great Oaks Charter School - Bridgeport

Minutes

Board Meeting

Date and Time

Wednesday October 5, 2016 at 5:15 PM

Location

Great Oaks Charter School; 510 Barnum Ave (2nd Floor Conference Room)

Great Oaks Charter School of Bridgeport's October board meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 5th at 5:15 pm on the second floor of the school at 510 Barnum Ave. This meeting will serve as the annual meeting of the board

Directors Present

Amy Marshall, Dexter Upshaw (remote), Ed Farrow, Leticia Sepulveda, Pamela Fraser-Abder, Susan Briggs, Tamara Smith (remote)

Directors Absent

None

Directors who arrived after the meeting opened

Ed Farrow

Directors who left before the meeting adjourned

Dexter Upshaw

Guests Present

Michael McGregor, Monica Maccera Filppu, Rashaun Reid, Rick Iandoli, Shana Hurley

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance and Guests

B. Call the Meeting to Order

Susan Briggs called a meeting of the board of directors of Great Oaks Charter School - Bridgeport to order on Wednesday Oct 5, 2016 at 5:25 PM.

C. Approve Minutes

Pamela Fraser-Abder made a motion to approve minutes from the Board Meeting on 09-14-16 Board Meeting on 09-14-16.

Tamara Smith seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

Pamela Fraser-Abder	Aye
Leticia Sepulveda	Aye
Dexter Upshaw	Aye
Ed Farrow	Aye
Susan Briggs	Aye
Tamara Smith	Aye
Amy Marshall	Abstain

Ed Farrow arrived.

II. Governance and Policy

A. Annual Meeting: Confirmation of Board members and clarification of terms

Dexter Upshaw left.

Great Oaks - Bridgeport is exploring a prospective member of the board with fundraising experience.

B. Annual Meeting: Election of Officers

Amy Marshall made a motion to accept the board slate as noted in the agenda.

Leticia Sepulveda seconded the motion.

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

C. Annual Meeting: Confirmation of Committees for SY 16-17

L. Sepulveda graciously volunteered to lead the development committee.

S. Briggs recommended an ad hoc Facilities Committee. Discussion ensued and will be continued at the next Academic Committee meeting.

D.

Discussion of Proposed changes to bylaws

III. Facilities and Finance

A. Report from the Finance Committee

A. Marshall inquired about the prospects for a high school facility. Several options, including co-locating with the middle school and splitting the locations, are being considered. Discussion ensued.

B. Discussion on funding of new facility

A. Marshall motioned to enter executive session at 5:32 to discuss the on-going negotiations with respect to the long-term space. L. Sepulveda seconded the motion. The board VOTED unanimously to approve the motion.

A. Marshall motioned to exit executive session at 6:15. S. Briggs seconded the motion. The board VOTED unanimously to approve the motion.

IV. Academic Excellence

A. Report of the Academic Committee

The Academic Committee will meet in October to discuss the Great Oaks model for high school.

V. Report from the Executive Director

A. Dashboard Review

B. Review of staff demographics

M. Maccera provided an overview of the demographics of the Great Oaks team. GO-BPT is proud of the diversification of its staff. At GO-BPT, 44% of teachers, 56% of Tutor Corps Members and 69% of the administrative staff identify as people of color.

C. Review of student enrollment data

S. Hurley provided student demographic data from the September 30 PSIS snapshot date. With 325 students in grades 6 through 8, GO-BPT is in its first year as a full-scale middle school. GO-BPT continues to over-represent the state and Bridgeport Public Schools averages for English Language Learners and identified special education students.

VI. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

Pamela Fraser-Abder made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Tamara Smith 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 6:49 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Shana Hurley