



# **UP Excellence Academy Board of Directors**

## **Minutes**

## UP Excellence April 2024 Board Meeting

## **Date and Time**

Tuesday April 9, 2024 at 6:30 PM

#### Location

6220 Westpark Dr.

Suite 195

Houston, Texas 7705

#### **Directors Present**

C. Aboud (remote), I. Acosta (remote), K. Hardwick (remote), N. Beasley (remote), T. Bartley (remote)

## **Directors Absent**

None

## I. Opening Items

## A. Record Attendance

## B. Call the Meeting to Order

K. Hardwick called a meeting of the board of directors of UP Excellence Academy Board of Directors to order on Tuesday Apr 9, 2024 at 6:31 PM.

## C. Approve Minutes

K. Hardwick made a motion to approve the minutes from Board Meeting on 03-19-24.

### T. Bartley seconded the motion.

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

## II. Meeting in Person due to COVID requirements have been lifted

## A. We will keepTuesdays, 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm, centrally located

If a board member is not able to meet in person, a virtual option is available with camera on. Remaining board members will be at the public meeting site.

#### **III. New Board Members**

#### A. Onboard 2 members: Treasurer and Vice Chair

The board members can make recommendations to join the board.

The job description will circulate - Linked In

#### IV. School Calendar

#### A. 2024-2025 School Calendar Vote

Superintendent Griffin, explained that we have 81,840 instructional minutes/1077 instructional days/465 instructional minutes daily/all half days are removed from the calendar to allow for one week monthly for professional development/student time off. After-school programming will be available for students with meals.

Our calendar also allows educators to accommodate PD and additional time back at the end of the work day.

The 2024-2025 School year calendar will be updated.

We will be engaging 21st Century Learning Grant for after-school programming Up Excellence, will be applying for funds and or consider an activity fund for after-school programming. The goal is to align our after-school programs with our model.

Recommended programs/providers for after-school programs
Harris County Department of Education
CASE for Kids

## V. Extended Days and Make-up Weather Days

## A. Discussion of Extended Day and Make-up Weather Days

Instructional hours are detailed in the School Calendar meeting agenda item.

## VI. Facilities

## A. Facilities Update

Terms of lease with ongoing option to purchase facility.

## VII. Board Governance

## A. Discussion of Board Governance

The board was advised to engage BOT to increase our capabilities and increase the quality and performance of our founding board.

## **VIII. Board Committee Updates**

## A. Committee Meeting Dates

The committee meeting calendar will be shared with everyone. Each of the committees are recruiting members to support the work of the committee.

## IX. Closing Items

## A. Adjourn Meeting

Source information on afters chool partnerships or creating an after school program within the campus.

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:59 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

K. Hardwick