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**BEATRICE MAYES  
INSTITUTE**  
A WONDERLAND INC. SCHOOL

Beatrice Mayes Institute

**Minutes**

Board Meeting

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**Date and Time**

Wednesday October 19, 2022 at 6:30 PM

**Location**

Beatrice Mayes Institute

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**Directors Present**

A. Berry, Ed.D. (remote), G. Thomas, J. Greenberg, J. Keeton, M. Taylor, R. Caine

**Directors Absent**

B. Gilbert

**Ex Officio Members Present**

C. Mayes

**Non Voting Members Present**

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**Guests Present**

A. Patton, Anthony Walker, B. Foster, C. Simpson, D. Johnson, James Lofton, Remy Sirls, S. Shahid, T. Watts (remote)

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**I. Opening Items**

**A.**

## **Record Attendance and Determine Quorum Present**

### **B. Call the Meeting to Order**

J. Greenberg called a meeting of the board of directors of Beatrice Mayes Institute to order on Wednesday Oct 19, 2022 at 6:39 PM.

### **C. Reading of the Minutes**

G. Thomas made a motion to approve the minutes from Board Meeting on 09-21-22.

M. Taylor seconded the motion.

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

## **II. Superintendent Updates and Missional Moment**

### **A. Organizational Update**

Mr. Mayes provided updates on the following:

- Enrollment
- Financial Audit
- Construction
- Permitting process for construction

### **B. Texas Public Charter School Association and Advocacy**

Chelbi Mims from Texas Public Charter School Association led a presentation to the board, regarding the newest developments, House bills, enemies, and advocates for charter schools. Her presentation detailed the following:

- Fighting for Charter Schools.
- Expansion notification process - extend to 3 months.
- School safety funding.
- Reach out to lawmakers.
- Opportunity to go to Austin and testify on a bill and advocate in Houston.

## **III. Academics**

### **A. Academic Updates**

J. Lofton and A. Walker led a presentation on Minorities In Technology ("MIT"), a nonprofit organization they started to create in-person and virtual spaces for minority youths to connect and socialize around their interests in technology. MIT accomplishes its goals through the following mediums:

- Developer Student Seminars: Students hear from industry professionals from the computer science and technology fields.
- CompSci Competitions: Students get the chance to submit their best Web/Software development work. The winner will receive recognition for their work and a cash prize.
- Live Tech Tournaments: Students get a chance to compete in gaming tournaments for a cash prize.
- In-Person Events: Students in the M.I.T. club can organize and socialize in person.

The BMI Academic Team provided the following presentation:

- Discussed smart goals
- Region 4 T TESS
- Weekly academic meetings
- Educate staff on TEA guidelines
- Better tracking of student progress
  - MAP Testing
  - Dibbles Exam
  - Tutorials start Monday
  - New students vs. old students
  - Reading improvements
- Professional Development Day to train teachers on data
- Monthly departmental meetings
- Student IEP's Individual Education Plan
- Academic Excellence Committee
- PAL's Program 4th-5th grade

## **B. Academic Excellence Committee**

Academic Excellence Committee will discuss updates in academics during board training on Saturday, October 20, 2022.

## **IV. Finance**

### **A. Finance Committee**

Finance Committee discussed the following:

- Board structure.
- Summary tracker for loans and covenants.
- Financial audit.
- Converting from QuickBooks to new system.
- First draft of audit expected before Christmas.
- Audit process is smoother.
- Auditors have November and December to review audit.
- Back office and bank reconciliations caught up.

## **B. Superintendent Goals**

## **V. Miscellaneous Items**

### **A. Fund Development**

Remy Siris will be handling Fund development while Allonna Snipes is on maternity leave. Remy introduced herself to the board and shared her background and years of experience.

## **VI. 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 7:58 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
J. Greenberg