

Élan Academy Charter School

Minutes

Élan Academy Board Meeting

July 2022

Date and Time

Wednesday July 27, 2022 at 6:00 PM

Location

Élan Academy
1801 L B Landry
New Orleans, Louisiana 70114

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The matters listed are those reasonably anticipated by the Chair to be discussed at the meeting. Not all items listed may, in fact, be discussed. Other items not listed may be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law. **All agenda items are informational unless otherwise denoted, though all committee reports require a vote for acceptance.** The meeting will be held on the campus of the school.

Directors Present

D. Patin, E. Marrero-Savoie (remote), G. Briggs, J. Stewart, R. Watkins, S. Brown (remote)

Directors Absent

D. Barnes, S. Rademaker

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

D. Patin called a meeting of the board of directors of Élan Academy Charter School to order on Wednesday Jul 27, 2022 at 6:20 PM.

C. Approval of Today's Meeting Agenda - Darren Patin (Voting)

R. Watkins made a motion to Approve meeting agenda as revised.
J. Stewart seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

II. Head of School Report

A.

Darren Patin

Signed by Darren Patin on 7/29/2022

Head of School Report – Melanie Askew (Voting)

Dr. Clark reported as to the swearing in ceremony for new Superintendent Dr. Avis Williams, who included Elan Academy in the NOPS 100 day plan; Elan is working to get the facility ready for the opening of school on the 15th and 18th of August; hires are being completed and they are pleased with the hires and pace of same; attendance this year will be above budgeted figures; and lengthy discussion regarding LEAP scores, which did not fall below the prior scores and almost across the board were higher than the parish average and higher than the state average in several subjects; discussion of academic dashboard data

R. Watkins made a motion to approve the head of school report.

G. Briggs seconded the motion.

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

III. Governance

A. Governance Committee Report - Darren Patin (Voting)

Committee met on July 20 to discuss the status of the Fischer building transition; Jeremy Thibodeaux's interest in board membership, which the committee approved unanimously; scheduling of board retreat and strategic planning session with Bellwhether - looking at likely a date in September, they are agreeable and NSNO will incur most of the costs; discussed the reorganization of our committees in light of recent board member departures - Gary Briggs will chair the Academic Achievement committee and Erin Marrero-Savoie will chair the Development Committee; discussed our efforts to assist the school in moving into the new building and greeting the students and parents on the 1st day of school.

R. Watkins made a motion to approve the governance committee report.

G. Briggs seconded the motion.

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

IV. Academic

A. Academic Committee Report –

No report was provided

V. Finance

A. Finance Committee Report – Roger Watkins (Voting)

No report was provided

VI. Development

A. Development Committee Report –

No report was provided

VII. Additional Business

A. Old Business

None

B.

Darren Patin

Signed by Darren Patin on 7/29/2022

New Business - Darren Patin

Board unanimously accepted the resignation of Tiffany Lewis from Board of Directors. We thanked Tiffany for her service.

Board unanimously accepted the resignation of Anane Olatunji from Board of Directors. We thanked Anane for his service.

Board unanimously voted to accept Jeremy Thibodeaux as member of Elan Board.

Board unanimously voted to reorganize committee assignments as follows:

Governance: Darren Patin, Daphine Barnes and Jonathan Stewart

Finance: Roger Watkins and Jeremy Thibodeaux

Development: Erin Marrero-Savoie and Scot Rademaker

Academic Achievement: Gary Briggs and Steven Brown

The Board discussed the meeting calendar and agreed that the board meetings will take place on the last Wednesday of each month, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

The Development committee meetings will take place on the last Wednesday of each month, beginning at 5:15 p.m.

The Finance and Governance Committee meetings will take place on the second to last Wednesday of each month, beginning at 4:45 p.m. and 5:15 p.m., respectively.

The Academic Achievement committee will meet and determine their calendar prior to the next meeting.

R. Watkins made a motion to accept the resignation of Tiffany Lewis from board.

G. Briggs seconded the motion.

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

R. Watkins made a motion to accept the resignation of Anane Olatunji from board.

S. Brown seconded the motion.

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

R. Watkins made a motion to accept Jeremy Thibodeaux as member of Elan board.

G. Briggs seconded the motion.

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

C. Open Forum

VIII. Closing Items

A. Chairman's Remarks

Chairman welcomed Gary Briggs aboard and thanked everyone for their continued service in this, the 6th year of Elan Academy

B. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:17 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Darren Patin

Signed by Darren Patin on 7/29/2022

D. Patin

Guests are welcome to speak during each agenda item with recognition from the presiding officer. In the event to comments or debate may appear to be lengthy, the presiding officer will set a time limit the open comment period; will define the time length each person is afforded to speak; will recognize the order of the respondents, and each person will be asked to state their name, city, parish, and affiliation with the school (examples: employee, administration, parent, community guest, school board representative). This policy subject to change, as necessary.

Darren Patin

Signed by Darren Patin on 7/29/2022