



Élan Academy Charter School

Minutes

Board Meeting

Date and Time

Tuesday January 28, 2025 at 5:30 PM

Elan Academy

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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.

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Directors Present

D. Patin, G. Briggs, J. Thibodeaux, S. Rademaker

Directors Absent

D. Barnes, L. Knight, R. Green

Guests Present

Dr. Gail Batiste, Board member, M. Clark

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 Tuesday Jan 28, 2025 at 6:06 PM.

C. Approval of Today's Meeting Agenda

J. Thibodeaux made a motion to Amend today's meeting agenda to include voting item re LAMP account.

G. Briggs seconded the motion.

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

D. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

S. Rademaker made a motion to Approve prior meeting minutes of 10-30-24.

G. Briggs seconded the motion.

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

S. Rademaker made a motion to approve the minutes from Board Meeting on 10-30-24.

G. Briggs seconded the motion.

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

II. Head of School Report

A. Head of School Report

Discussed 2025 Strategic plan goals updates

Discussed operations updates

Discussed hiring of Facilities Manager, and nursing services contract

Academic updates regarding testing - MAP reading and math; DIBELS; IReady reading and math

Discussed LEAP projections

Interventional growth projections

Academic Action plans were outlined and discussed

Hiring need - Dean of Students

Discussed organizational chart planning for 25-26 - contingent upon NOLA-PS funding, along with compensation scale creation in order to be competitive

Confirmed 5 year charter renewal

Discussed enrollment counts

Discussed grant updates

Informed of updated events

G. Briggs made a motion to Approve head of school report.

S. Rademaker seconded the motion.

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

III. Governance Committee Report

A. Governance Committee Report

Discussed potential new members, litigation and vendor status

IV. Academic

A. Academic Committee Report

Did not meet - no report to be provided

V. Finance

A. Finance Committee Report –

Provided report regarding financial status and reimbursement collections

VI. Development

A. Development Committee Report –

Discussed focus on Spring Fest 2025 and how to assist

VII. Additional Business

A. Old Business

B. NEW BUSINESS

C. Vote to transfer funds from operating account to LAMP account in excess of \$1.6 million

S. Rademaker made a motion to Authorize the head of school transfer funds in excess of \$1.6 million from Elan operating account to Elan's LAMP account.

G. Briggs seconded the motion.

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

D. Vote to determine LEA designation for 25-26 academic year

G. Briggs made a motion to Authorize Head of School to inform NOLA-PS that Elan Academy will serve as its own LEA for the 25-26 academic school year.

J. Thibodeaux seconded the motion.

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

VIII. 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 6:56 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
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.