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Élan Academy Charter School

Minutes

Board Meeting

Date and Time
Wednesday April 30, 2025 at 5:30 PM

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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
C. Silas, D. Patin, G. Briggs, G. Thomas-Batiste, J. Thibodeaux, L. Knight, R. Green

Directors Absent
D. Barnes, S. Rademaker

Guests Present

M. Clark, Monica Cador

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 Apr 30, 2025 at 5:40 PM.

C. Approval of Today's Meeting Agenda

L. Knight made a motion to Approve today's meeting agenda.
G. Briggs seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

D. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

L. Knight made a motion to approve the minutes from Board Meeting on 03-12-25.
G. Thomas-Batiste seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

II. Head of School Report

A. Head of School Report

Discussed status of LEAP testing taking place this week
Discussed the EOY test results which were positive and showed marked growth across all grades
Facilities updates were discussed
Food service audit was discussed - passed
Transportation handbook for 25-26 is being prepared
Discussed recent hires including Facilities Manager
Round 1 families have been contacted - anticipate enrollment next year of 440 plus students
Discussed EOY calendar and events
G. Briggs made a motion to Accept and approve HOS report.
J. Thibodeaux seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

III. Governance Committee Report

A. Governance Committee Report

Discussed LEA status and transition to own LEA

Discussed status of potential new board member Davis, who has withdrawn his interest
Discussed status of vendor contracts
Discussed parent complaints received
Discussed potential partnerships with First Tee and Excite Allstars nonprofit
Discussed board retreat status
Discussed status of 25-26 budget
Discussed officers for 25-26 academic year and Committee chairs
L. Knight made a motion to Accept and approve report.
G. Thomas-Batiste seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

IV. Academic

A. Academic Committee Report

Discussed NWEA scores and increase and significance
Discussed DIBELS assessment results and extension of % of students above average at this point

C. Silas made a motion to Accept report.
R. Green seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

V. Finance

A. Finance Committee Report –

Discussed status of financial health - excellent
Discussed additional transfer of funds to LAMP account
Discussed 2025-26 budget
Received MFP update
Discussed amendment to 24-25 budget due to additional revenues received
Discussed status of accrued expenses re LEA costs
R. Green made a motion to Accept report.
G. Briggs seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

VI. Development

A. Development Committee Report –

No report received but we discussed ideas regarding events to raise funds, particularly the hosting of a gala,

Discussed Give NOLA Day

VII. Additional Business

A. Old Business

B. NEW BUSINESS

C. Consideration and vote regarding Perry Davis interest in board membership

Passed on item as Mr. Davis informed the board on Wednesday that he was withdrawing his interest in board membership

D. Board retreat discussion

Discussed proposals received and consideration of internal conduct of retreat sometime in late June.

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 6:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
G. Briggs

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.