



The Emerge School for Autism

Minutes

January 2021 Board Meeting

Date and Time

Wednesday January 20, 2021 at 12:00 PM

Location

7784 Innovation Park Drive

Board Room

Directors Present

C. Blaize, D. Whittle, E. Jones-Morgan, J. Jones (remote)

Directors Absent

None

Guests Present

JP Perrault*, S. Jones, Stacie Landry

I. Introduction of New Board President

A. New Board President Announcement

II. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

C. Blaize called a meeting of the board of directors of The Emerge School for Autism to order on Wednesday Jan 20, 2021 at 12:03 PM.

C. Public Comment

D. Approve Minutes

A quorum of board members was not present. Approval of minutes was moved to the next board meeting.

III. Governance

A. School Update

Update provided by Linda Brown:

- The application process for the SY2021-2022 school year has begun.
- There is approximately 10-12 openings anticipated (openings expected from students transitioning out of Emerge).
- East Baton Rouge site visit will take place in the next few weeks.
- Evaluating new professional development options for the teaching staff.

IV. Finance

A. Budget Updates

Financial update provided by Stacie Landry:

- No significant changes to report from the previous forecast.

V. Development

A. Foundation Update

Update provided by Shelton Jones:

- Received \$5K from Siemens Energy to be used for playground equipment (benches and tables).
- Received \$10K from Rotary to be used for general fund expenses.
- Applying for a \$50K grant from the Wilson Foundation in February.
- Raised \$48K from the year end fundraising, exceeding the original goal.

VI. School Future Planning

A. Update from EBRP School Board Meeting

Update from the SBRP School Board Meeting provided by Deanna Whittle:

- Announced the updated contract allowing for service charges was approved.

VII. Closing Items

A. Public Comment on Adjournment

B. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 12:36 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
C. Blaize