



# **BELIEVE STL Academy**

## **Minutes**

## June Board Meeting | In-Person

#### **Date and Time**

Tuesday June 18, 2024 at 3:30 PM

#### Location

## **BELIEVE STL Academy**

2837 Washington Avenue

St. Louis, MO 63103

#### **Directors Present**

J. Boone, K. Martin-Johnson, L. Voellinger, M. Hantak (remote), P. Woods, T. Jordan, T. Wells

#### **Directors Absent**

D. Thomas, M. Johnson

## **Guests Present**

T. Vonderheit (remote)

## I. Opening Items

#### A. Record Attendance

## B. Call the Meeting to Order

T. Jordan called a meeting of the board of directors of BELIEVE STL Academy to order on Tuesday Jun 18, 2024 at 4:52 PM.

#### **II. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes**

#### A. April Meeting Minutes

- T. Jordan made a motion to approve the minutes from Board Meeting on 05-28-24.
- M. Hantak seconded the motion.

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

#### III. BELIEVE STL Academy Updates

#### A. Recruitment & Enrollment

- Tested 107 kids.
  - Families have returned to have students retest.
  - ∘ Kids are stronger in math over reading. Different than the national trend.
  - Double digit number of kids will be taking college level courses this summer.
- Grade 9: 134 applications submitted; 111 completed registrations
- Grade 10: 35 applications submitted; 29 completed registrations
  - Only have 125 seats; families may be turned away. Planning for some level of attrition.
  - Every student that has applied, has been accepted.
  - If registration is not complete by a specific date, they will no longer be considered.
- At 175 applications submitted, we will no longer accept applications.

#### B. Education, Academic, and Partnership Programs

- Upcoming Events:
  - Summer Session I June 24th- June 27th
  - Summer Session II July 8th-July 12th
- Programs and Partnerships
  - Summer Opportunities:
    - Harris Stowe Experience: 27 kids show up to engage with construction company, go to BJC to learn about health careers, visited/toured SLU, expectations for BELIEVE, jump start on orientation.
  - Facilities update: painting, furniture, renovations.
  - Vape detectors being installed in all bathrooms.
- Talent/Hiring
  - Good interviews taking place.
  - · Offers being extended.

#### IV. Approvals/Vote

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## **BELIEVE Academy Staff Handbook**

- T. Jordan made a motion to Approve BELIEVE Academy Staff Handbook.
- J. Boone seconded the motion.

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

### B. BELIEVE Academy Student and Family Handbook

- T. Jordan made a motion to approve BELIEVE Academy Student and Family Handbook.
- J. Boone seconded the motion.

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

## C. BELIEVE Academy LEP Handbook

- T. Jordan made a motion to approve BELIEVE Academy LEP Handbook.
- J. Boone seconded the motion.

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

## D. BELIEVE Academy SPED Handbook

- T. Jordan made a motion to approve BELIEVE Academy SPED Handbook.
- J. Boone seconded the motion.

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

## V. 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 5:28 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

M. Hantak