

APPROVED



BELIEVE STL Academy

Minutes

July Board Meeting

5PM CST

Date and Time

Tuesday July 30, 2024 at 4:00 PM

Location

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87864083978?pwd=aVI2R0N0NnFGT3dDTs4ZU0tCZ0dVdz09>

Directors Present

D. Thomas (remote), L. Voellinger (remote), M. Hantak, P. Woods, S. Harmon, T. Jordan, T. Wells

Directors Absent

J. Boone, K. Martin-Johnson, 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 Jul 30, 2024 at 5:09 PM.

II. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes

A. May Meeting Minutes

T. Jordan made a motion to approve the minutes from June Board Meeting | In-Person on 06-18-24.

T. Wells seconded the motion.

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

III. BELIEVE STL Academy Updates

A. Committees Update

Tiara met with Board on track to discuss starting up BELIEVE STL Academy board committees.

Starting with 4 committees:

- Academic
- Governance
- Finance
- Development

Will identify leaders from the board to lead the committees then start up meetings.

Representation at all levels for student support.

IV. Executive Director Update

A. New Board Candidates

New candidates:

- have been looking for legal representation- helpful as BELIEVE grows
 - Steven Harmon: licensed attorney, prior public defender, wealth of knowledge and experience in the legal field
- Sharon Williams: long time public school teacher, math expertise, retiree

T. Jordan made a motion to Vote for Steven Harmon to be approved as a new BELIEVE STL Academy Board Member.

M. Hantak seconded the motion.

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

T. Jordan made a motion to Vote for Sharon Williams to be approved as a new BELIEVE STL Academy Board Member.

M. Hantak seconded the motion.

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

V. School Leader Update

A. Enrollment

- Grade 9: 110 completed registrations- 106 approved registrations- 93 orientation registration
- Grade 10: 30 completed registrations- 29 approved registrations- 25 orientation registration

B. Education, Academic, and Partnership Programs

Upcoming Events

- Orientation Dates- August 3, 5 and 8
- First day of school: August 12
- Back to school celebration: August 31

Programs and Partnership

- Programming with BJC this summer; ready to move forward with initiatives- launching the second week of school
- Next Prep- sub career and exploration with students; work space exposure
- Harris Stowe- progressing
- STLCC- launching dual enrollment program this fall
 - 18 students went to dual enrollment boot camp this summer- they are eligible to enroll

Test scores: comparable to 5th/6th grade level score

- Strategically place students in the classes to support what they need
- KIPP Inspire- higher quantile scores

VI. 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 5:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
T. Jordan