

Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday, May 18, 2021

Via Videoconference

MINUTES

Participants: Glen Howard, Chair

Scott Bess

Michelle Gilliard

Betsy Karmin

Catherine Meloy

Jose Turcios

April Young

The following staff members were also present: Chelsea Kirk, Colleen Paletta, Elizabeth Rienzo, Josh Wallish, and Sandra Wasden. Ms. Rienzo recorded the minutes of the meeting.

Mr. Howard called the meeting to order at 9:40am.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Howard asked for any proposed corrections and/or other revisions to the minutes of the March 23, 2021 Board meeting. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board unanimously approved the minutes by roll call vote.

Mission Moment

Dr. Kirk introduced the Mission Moment by highlighting the successes of January 2021 graduates Diondre Ouzts and Ebonique Wilkerson.

Financial Report

Ms. Wasden presented the year-to-date March 2021 financials, highlighting several items of particular importance. Discussion followed with Ms. Wasden responding to questions.

Excel Center Update

Ms. Paletta provided an update on school operations, focusing on year-to-date charter goals, SY 2021-22 reopening plan and July graduation. Extensive discussion followed, with Ms. Paletta and Dr. Kirk responding to questions.

Mr. Wallish presented a proposed revised Management Agreement with Goodwill of Greater Washington (GGW) and explained that the Agreement's management fee is based on GGW's actual expenses to provide services to the school. He reminded the Board that the Management Agreement is a “conflicting interest contract” under both GEC’s bylaws and Public Charter School Board rules because three members of the GEC board are also on the GGW's board.  After discussion, the Disinterested Board Members concluded that the Management Agreement is fair to GEC, and, upon motion duly made by Treasurer Ms. Young, and seconded by the Disinterested Board Members, the Disinterested Board Members approved the revised Management Agreement by roll call vote.

Excel Center Expansion

Ms. Meloy provided an update on the GEC expansion, noting that construction is scheduled to being in November 2021 and opening to students in Term 5 of SY 2021-2022.

Public Comment

No one from the public attended the meeting.

Mr. Howard adjourned the meeting at 11:10am.

