

Volunteers of America CEDC
Ballington Academy for the Arts & Sciences

April 21, 2020
Telephonic Meeting

Board Present: Ms. Denise Garcia
Ms. Carla Kuhns
Mr. Gerald McFadden
Mr. Dilda McFadden

Board Absent: Ms. Kristi Harris
Dr. Ann McKenzie
Ms. Elizabeth Villalobos (Leave of Absence)

Staff Present: Mr. William Anderson (staff)
Ms. Shannon Brandner (staff)
Ms. Nagham Hakeem (staff)
Ms. Doreen Mulz (staff)

- I. **Call to Order:** Meeting commenced at 5:34 PM.
- II. **Approval of April Board Agenda:** A motion to approve the agenda was made by Ms. K. Harris and seconded by Mr. G. McFadden, the motion carried unanimously (4 votes in favor).
- III. **Public Comment:** None.
- IV. **Board Discussion Items:**
 - a) **Update on COVID Pandemic:** Ms. Mulz, Ms. Brandner, and Mr. Anderson shared updates with the Board on actions related to COVID since last meeting. It was noted that in alignment with local health authorities and Authorizers, both Ballingtons would not be physically returning for the remainder of the school year.
 - b) **San Bernardino Petition Renewal Update:** Ms. Mulz shared the San Bernardino Charter Renewal's Public Hearing and vote is scheduled for May 19, 2020.
 - c) **Governance Updates:** Ms. Mulz presented the proposed changes to the current bylaws which align with the recently passed legislation SB126. The Board will

take formal action in May. Mr. G. McFadden noted the importance of board recruitment.

- d) **Performance Benchmarks Results:** Ms. Brandner and Mr. Anderson shared current academic results based on the December NWEA benchmarks. It was noted due to school closure; the Spring results will not be able to occur.

V. Agenda Action Items:

- a) **Approval of March Meeting Minutes:** A motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. D. McFadden and seconded by Ms. C. Kuhns the motion carried unanimously (4 votes in favor and done via roll call).
- b) **Approval of Financial Reports:** Ms. Hakeem presented the monthly financials for each school. A motion to approve the financials was made by Ms. C. Kuhns and seconded by Mr. G. McFadden, the motion carried unanimously (4 votes in favor and done via roll call vote).
- c) **Approval of Independent Auditor:** Ms. Mulz presented the recommendation for the independent auditor. A motion to approve the independent auditor was made by Ms. C. Kuhns and seconded by Mr. G. McFadden, the motion carried unanimously (4 votes in favor and done via roll call vote).
- d) **Approval of the Attendance Policy and Approval of the Title IX, Harassment, Intimidation, Discrimination, and Bullying Policy:** Ms. Mulz presented the polices. A motion to approve the policies was made by Mr. G. McFadden and seconded by Mr. D. McFadden, the motion carried unanimously (4 votes in favor and done via roll call vote).
- e) **School Calendar 2020-2021:** Ms. Mulz presented the proposed school calendar for 2020-2021. A motion to approve the calendar was made by Ms. C. Kuhns and seconded by Mr. D. McFadden, the motion carried unanimously (4 votes in favor and done via roll call vote).

VI. Board Closing Comments: The Board thanked management for their swift response and exemplary execution to the COVID pandemic. It was agreed that a letter of thanks would be penned for the staff from the Board.

VII. Adjourn: The Board adjourned to the public at 7:21 PM.

- **NEXT BOARD MEETING TIME: May 26, 2020: 5:30 PM**