



# Explore Schools

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## **Explore Charter Schools of Brooklyn Board Meeting Minutes–December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

Explore Charter Schools Board Attendees: Hank Mannix, Jana Reed, Lindsay Matovich, Angie Brice Thomas, Lola Adedokun, Shawn Jenkins, Lindsay Danon

ESI Board: Lizz Pawlson, Jana Reed, Brian Coad, Morty Ballen

Other Attendees: Carrie Mauer, Christina Froeb, Jeremy Thomas, Rachel Modica Russell, Karen Francois, Nekeisha Afful, Reshma Patel, Camille McGregor

Meeting called to order at 6:02 pm

### **ECS Approval of Minutes**

Hank Mannix motioned to approve the minutes from the ECS Board Meeting held on November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020

Shawn Jenkins seconded the motion

The motion was unanimously approved

### **Family Board Representative Vote & Welcome**

ECS Board of Trustees welcomed Nekeisha Afful as the newest Ex Officio Family Representative member and Reshma Patel as a potential board member of the Explore Charter Schools Board of Trustees. Both Nekeisha Afful and Reshma Patel introduced themselves followed by introductions from the board members. The Board formally voted on Nekeisha Afful's membership.

Hank Mannix motioned to approve membership of Mrs. Afful as the Ex Officio Family Representative to the Explore Charter Schools Board of Trustees

Shawn Jenkins seconded the motion

The motion was unanimously approved

### **ED/Superintendent Update**

Karen Francois, Managing Director of Curriculum and Instruction, discussed recent English language arts interim assessment data. The board discussed growth areas and the role digitally tools played in implementing the assessment.

Carrie Mauer & Christina Froeb then shared an update on COVID-19, including the network's decision to continue with fully remote instruction following winter break. The board discussed how the schools might use the buildings differently if continuing to stay fully remote for an extended period of time. Testing was also discussed as a feature of the return to in-person instruction policy.

Christina Froeb shared an update on the strategic plan, #ReimagineExpore2021, including progress made with established committees and the plans for launching committees for the remaining strands. The board discussed the impact of COVID-19 on the plan as well as the role the board could play in supporting the strands.

### **Board Subcommittee & Membership Updates**

Board DEI & Membership Subcommittee provided an update on various strands of work, including looking at board policies through an equity lens, evaluating the process for recruiting members, and engaging the board in anti-white supremacy work. The board discussed new timeline for expanding the board and what skills to prioritize with new members.

### **Public Comment**

This time is to open the floor for public comment (pertains to Explore Schools Board rules of public meeting).

No public comment at 7:15

Meeting adjourned at 7:17