



# Explore Schools

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## **Explore Charter Schools Board Meeting Minutes –September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021**

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

ESI Board: Jana Reed, Morty Ballen, Brian Coad

Other Attendees: Carrie Mauer, Christina Froeb, Jeremy Thomas, Karen Francois, Tracy Rebe, Kevin Bryant, Tiffany Curtis, LaKiesha George

Meeting called to order at 6:03 pm

### **ECS Approval of Minutes**

Shawn Jenkins motioned to approve the minutes from the ECS Board Meeting held on June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021

Lindsay Matovich seconded the motion

The motion was unanimously approved

ESI Board approved the minutes from the ESI Board Meeting held on June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021

### **Board Membership & DEI Subcommittee**

ECS Board of Trustees welcomed Tiffany Curtis and Kevin Bryant as the newest prospective members of the Explore Charter Schools Board of Trustees. The Board formally voted on their membership.

Hank Mannix motioned to approve the membership of Ms. Curtis and Mr. Bryant as Trustees of the Explore Charter Schools Board of Trustees

Shawn Jenkins seconded the motion

The motion was unanimously approved

The ECS and ESI boards then voted on membership renewals, officer slates, and committee assignments for the 2021-22 school year.

Hank Mannix motioned to approve 2021-2022 ECS Board Members, Officer Slates, and Committee Assignments, noting the addition of Reshma Patel to the Board Membership & DEI Subcommittee

Shawn Jenkins seconded the motion

The motion was unanimously approved

The ESI Board approved 2021-2022 ESI Board Members, Officer Slates, and Committee Assignments

Brian Coad seconded the motion

The motion was unanimously approved

The board noted a change to the name of the Board Membership & DEI Subcommittee, citing the word governance should also be included. It will now be referred to as the Board Membership, Governance, & DEI Subcommittee.

The Board Membership, Governance, & DEI Subcommittee shared a brief preview of the Board Retreat on Saturday, October 16.

### **Contracts to Approve over \$50K**

The ECS board reviewed and voted on two contracts over \$50k.

Hank Mannix motioned to approve *ECS Contracts over \$50k, including:*

- *African Dance Enrichment Program*

- *Leadership Coaching & Social Studies Support*

Shawn Jenkins seconded the motion

The motion was unanimously approved

**ED/Superintendent Update**

The update began with a look back at the first 6 weeks of school, including bright spots and challenges. This included an update on the small remote school being offered to families. Carrie Mauer provided updates on new COVID guidance impacting schools. The Board discussed weekly testing and the quarantine protocol as the DOE has made changes to both in recent weeks. The Board also discussed the confirmed COVID cases thus far and what patterns were observable. Carrie also shared a brief update on hiring across the network, noting a more in-depth analysis will be provided in October. The board discussed current vacancies, trends in staff departures, incentive programs for recruiting new staff, and creative ways to meet staffing needs in the short term. Carrie concluded with an update on enrollment and attendance and a discussion with board members about the 22-23 budget and current enrollment trends. The board will add a larger discussion on the 22-23 budget based on enrollment targets to the October agenda. Christina Froeb ended the section with an overview of how academic data will be reported to the board throughout the year.

**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 7:04 pm

**Executive Session**

**ECS Executive Session to discuss the medical, financial, credit, or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal, or removal of a particular person or corporation.**

Hank Mannix motion to go into executive session at 7:05 pm and invited ESI board members to join

Shawn Jenkins seconded the motion

The motion was unanimously approved

Hank Mannix motioned for the ECS board to come out of executive session at 8:05 pm.

Lindsay Matovich seconded the motion.

The motion was unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm