



**Explore Charter Schools Board Meeting Minutes –May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

Explore Charter Schools Board Attendees: Hank Mannix, Angie Brice Thomas, Shawn Jenkins, Kevin Bryant, Tiffany Curtis, Lindsay Danon, Lindsay Matovich, Nekeisha Afful

Absent: Lola Adedokun

ESI Board: Jana Reed, Reshma Patel, Brian Coad, Morty Ballen

Other Attendees: Christina Froeb, Jeremy Thomas, Ashley Dickens, Ebony Staley, Tracy Rebe, Nathalie Laureano

Meeting called to order at 6:06

**Welcome & Approval of Minutes**

Hank Mannix motioned to approve the minutes from the ECS Board Meeting held on April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Shawn Jenkins seconded the motion

The motion was unanimously approved

ESI Board approved the minutes from the ESI Board Meeting held on March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022

**Board Subcommittee Updates**

The meeting began with updates from the subcommittees of the Board. First, members of the CEO Search Committee shared an update on the candidate evaluation process, including a preview of the school visits and Board Member involvement. The DEI, Membership, & Governance subcommittee provided an update on next steps for board member recruitment, noting that the search is ongoing for candidates with finance and legal backgrounds. Finally, the Board reviewed proposed changes for a new network severance policy. Once approved, the severance policy will go into effect in July for the 2022 – 23 school year.

Hank Mannix motioned to approve the new Explore Schools Severance Policy

Shawn Jenkins seconded the motion

The motion was unanimously approved

**Finance Update**

Ashley Dickens, Managing Director of Finance, reviewed both the ECSB and ESI budgets for FY 2023. She highlighted new information and assumptions since previewing the budget in April. The Board discussed different modeling assumptions and relationship between enrollment and the budget. The Board will formally vote to approve the ECS and ESI FY 23 budgets at the June meeting. Ashley also provided a review of the FY 21 ESI Financial Audit. Following the review of the budgets, members of the Finance Committee shared a brief update on the proposal to adjust the ESI Service Fee for the FY 23 school year. Once approved, the proposal will go to SUNY for review. SUNY will have 30 days to review the proposal before it goes into effect in July.

Hank Mannix motioned to approve the increase to the ESI Service Fee Proposal

Shawn Jenkins seconded the motion

The motion was unanimously approved

**Superintendent Update**

Christina Froeb, Superintendent, shared details on the initiatives going into the 22-23 school year, including the state of the strategic plan, ReimagineExplore and what the Reimagine committees are planning for next year.

**Public Comment**

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

Public comment ended at 7:11 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 motioned to go into executive session at 7:11 pm and invited ESI board members, Carrie, and Christina 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 7:30 pm.

Shawn Jenkins seconded the motion.

The motion was unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 7:31 pm