



**Explore Charter Schools Board Meeting Minutes –June 21, 2022**

Explore Charter Schools Board Attendees: Hank Mannix, Shawn Jenkins, Tiffany Curtis, Lindsay Danon, Lindsay Matovich

Absent: Angie Brice Thomas, Kevin Bryant, Lola Adedokun, Nekeisha Afful

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

Other Attendees: Ashley Dickens, Carrie Mauer, Christina Froeb, Jeremy Thomas, Karen Francois, Nadia Despenza, Tracy Rebe

Lola Adedokun resigned from the ECS Board in advance of the June 21<sup>st</sup> meeting acknowledging her travel schedule made it unlikely she would be able to attend in person when the requirement returned in the 22 – 23 school year.

Meeting called to order at 6:02

**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 6:03 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 6:21 pm.

Shawn Jenkins seconded the motion.

The motion was unanimously approved.

**Welcome & Approval of Minutes**

Hank Mannix motioned to approve the minutes from the ECS Board Meeting held on May 24<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 May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022

**Board Subcommittee Updates**

Subcommittees of the Board shared updates related to CEO and Board Member Searches. First, members of the CEO Search Committee shared an update summarizing the CEO search and the next step of identifying a CEO from the two finalists. The DEI, Membership, & Governance subcommittee provided an update on next steps for board member recruitment, including the plan for stakeholder touchpoints in the beginning of the next school year.

**Executive Director/Superintendent Update**

Carrie Mauer, Executive Director, and Christina Froeb, Superintendent, reported out on the progress made against the End of Year measures. This included student assessment, attendance, suspensions, and enrollment data as well as recent satisfaction and talent data. Board members discussed how the data compared to the sector at large as well as how state tests may play into the data for the next year. Christina concluded with a preview of changes to the end of year measures for next year.

## **Finance Update**

Carrie Mauer and Ashley Dickens, Managing Director of Finance, reviewed the proposed ECSB and ESI budgets for FY 2023. The major factors influencing the budgets include the increase to PPA funding, moderate enrollment increases compared to this year, right-sizing staffing at some schools to match enrollment, and continued investments in #ReImagine and reversing unfinished teaching and learning. The change to the service fee that the Board approved during the May meeting is factored into all budgets. The budgets were then put up for approval along with the 403b Match.

Shawn Jenkins motioned to approve the ECSB FY 2023 Budget and 403b Match

Hank Mannix seconded the motion

The motion was unanimously approved

ESI Board approved the ESI FY 2023 Budget and 403b Match

Following review of the budgets, the Board voted to approve two versions of the ESI Management Contract, one highlighting the changes pending SUNY approve and the second without the service fee changes. Finally, the Board will vote on vendor contracts over \$50k.

Hank Mannix motioned to approve the FY23 ESI Management Contract pending SUNY approval & FY23 ESI Management Contract without Service Fee Change

Lindsay Danon seconded the motion

The motion was unanimously approved

Hank Mannix motioned to approve the following contract vendors:

- Bridge Equity Education LLC
- Stefani Gospodinova FY22 & FY23
- Navigator
- Janelle Rouse FY22
- Soy Kim FY22
- Technology general approval
- Summer scholarship general approval
- Student recruitment general approval

Lindsay Danon seconded the motion

The motion was unanimously approved

## **Public Comment**

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

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Hank Mannix motioned to go into executive session at 7:02 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 7:30 pm

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