



# Explore Schools

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## **Explore Charter Schools Board Meeting Minutes –September 28, 2022**

Explore Charter Schools Board Attendees: Hank Mannix, Shawn Jenkins, Tiffany Curtis, Angie Brice Thomas

Attended Virtually: Lindsay Danon

Absent: Kevin Bryant

ESI Board Attendees: Jana Reed, Reshma Patel

Attended Virtually: Brian Coad

Absent: Morty Ballen

Other Attendees: Carrie Mauer, Christina Froeb, Karen Annette Francois, Ebony Staley, Kenya Bushell, Yasmene Kimble

Nekeisha Afful resigned from the ECS Board in advance of the September 28 meeting acknowledging her work schedule made it unlikely she would be able to attend in person when the requirement returned in the 22 – 23 school year.

Lindsay Matovich resigned from the ECS Board in advance of the September 28 meeting and will be moving to the ESI Board once her nomination is approved at the September board meeting.

Meeting called to order at 6:02

### **Welcome & Approval of Minutes**

Hank Mannix motioned to approve the minutes from the ECS Board Meeting held on June 21, 2022

Shawn Jenkins seconded the motion

The motion was unanimously approved

ESI Board approved the minutes from the ESI Board Meeting held on June 21, 2022

### **Board Votes**

The ECS and ESI boards voted on renewing the membership of their board members. Hank noted that committee assignments will be voted on at the October meeting and encouraged members to apply to join committees in the meantime.

Hank Mannix motioned to approve the ECS Board Roster

Shawn Jenkins seconded the motion

The motion was unanimously approved

ESI Board approved the ESI Board Roster including appointing Lindsay Matovich to the ESI Board

### **Other Votes:**

The ECS board reviewed and approved additional items including the 2022-23 District Safety Plan and Brooke Workman's contract.

Hank Mannix motioned to approve the 2022-23 District Safety Plan and Brooke Workman's contract

Shawn Jenkins seconded the motion

The motion was unanimously approved

### **Board Subcommittee Updates**

Subcommittees of the Board shared updates on board membership. First, Shawn Jenkins provided an update on next steps for board member recruitment. A potential candidate for the board is meeting with representatives from the

schools in the final step before a formal vote. Carrie Mauer provided an update on the process for recruiting a new parent representative with Nekeisha Afful stepping down.

### **CEO Update**

Karen Annette Francois shared a CEO update. She began the update sharing highlights from the summer and the start of the school year. Carrie Mauer shared a brief update on COVID-19 policies continuing in the 22-23 school year. Karen Annette then provided a brief overview on what to expect with regard to the charter renewal process in the coming year. The board asked about how data systems will be part of the renewal process. Karen Annette then reviewed state exam data for the network, noting that city and state comparisons are not available yet. The board discussed how to leverage interim assessments to best prepare students for this year's state exams. Carrie then provided an update on student recruitment. The board asked about trends across the sector with regard to families leaving the city.

Karen Annette then closed the meeting with a discussion of the 2022-23 strategy, highlighting the focus areas for the school 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 7:12.

### **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 7:13 pm and invited ESI board members, Karen Annette, Carrie Mauer, and Christina Froeb 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 7:40 pm.

Shawn Jenkins seconded the motion.

The motion was unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm