



Explore Charter Schools Board Meeting Minutes – December 20, 2022

Explore Charter Schools Board Attendees:

Attended Virtually: Hank Mannix, Sherrard Zamore, Lindsay Danon, Karen Annette Francois, Kevin Bryant, Tiffany Curtis, Shawn Jenkins

Absent: Angie Brice Thomas

ESI Board Attendees:

Attended Virtually: Brian Coad, Jana Reed, Reshma Patel

Absent: Morty Ballen, Lindsay Matovich

Other Attendees: Jeremy Thomas, Ebony Staley, Tracy Rebe

Meeting called to order at 6:03

Welcome & Approval of Minutes

Hank Mannix motioned to approve the minutes from the ECSB Board Meeting held on November 29, 2022

Lindsay Danon seconded the motion

The motion was unanimously approved

Hank Mannix motioned to approve the contracts for Christina Froeb and Adam Schulman

Shawn Jenkins seconded the motion

The motion was unanimously approved

Board Subcommittee Updates

The Accountability committee recently met and shared a brief update that they will be following up with next steps at an upcoming board meeting.

CEO Update

Karen Annette Francois, Chief Executive Officer, shared different cuts of state exam data focused on how schools performed against their respective districts overall and in each grade band. The Board discussed the historical performance of our schools against their districts and asked questions about our schools up for charter renewal in 2023. Karen Annette and Board members discussed the plan for supporting students in 3rd and 4th grade who performed below the network average and were impacted more severely by the pandemic. Karen Annette then gave an update on the process for selecting initiatives and previewed proposed ideas as part of the 23-24 strategic planning process. The board spent time unpacking the process and discussed how the network is defining impact as well as what stakeholder engagement looked like. The board also weighed in on the topics being proposed, asking about how SEL fits in as well as the role the board will play in supporting the work. Finally, Karen Annette invited Jeremy Thomas, Senior Director of Special Projects, to share an update on the high school application process.

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 6:42

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 6:42 pm and invited ESI board members and Karen Annette Francois 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 7:07 pm.
Lindsay Danon seconded the motion.
The motion was unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 7:07 pm