



Explore Charter Schools Board Meeting Minutes – January 24, 2023

Explore Charter Schools Board Attendees: Shawn Jenkins, Hank Mannix, Lindsay Danon, Kevin Bryant, Karen Annette Francois, Angie Brice Thomas

Attended Virtually: Sherrard Zamore, Tiffany Curtis

Absent:

ESI Board Attendees: Reshma Patel

Attended Virtually: Brian Coad, Jana Reed, Morty Ballen, Lindsay Matovich

Absent:

Other Attendees: Jeremy Thomas, Ebony Staley, Tracy Rebe, Ashley Dickens

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 December 20, 2022

Shawn Jenkins seconded the motion

The motion was unanimously approved

ESI Board approved the minutes from the ESI Board Meeting held on November 29, 2022

Board Subcommittee Updates

Shawn Jenkins shared a brief update on board recruitment committee efforts including focusing the search on candidates with a legal and/or finance background.

CEO Update

Karen Annette Francois, Chief Executive Officer, shared a progress update on strategic initiatives for the 22-23 school year. The update focused on the key levers identified in September, including Improving the Quality of Instruction, Expanding Student Experience through #Reimagine, Retaining and Attracting Talent, and Family Engagement & Community Partnerships. Board members discussed trends in recent science teacher resignations as well as feedback from teachers participating in network-sponsored training programs. Karen Annette also updated the board on the progress with the family representative search and new initiatives the network is taking to address student enrollment. Board members discussed making student enrollment a focus for upcoming meetings and asked about how some of the initiatives were going.

Tracy Rebe, Chief Schools Officer, then gave an update on the SUNY Renewal preparation, focusing on the upcoming internal mock visits. Board members discussed connecting with other networks that recently went through the renewal process to better understand any changes SUNY has made in the last four years.

Finance Update

Ashley Dickens, Managing Director of Finance, updated the board on both the ECSB and ESI Board financials.

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 6:47

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 6:47 pm and invited ESI board members and Ashley Dickens 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 8:03 pm.

Lindsay Danon seconded the motion.

The motion was unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 8:03 pm