



Explore Charter Schools Board Meeting Minutes – May 23, 2023

Explore Charter Schools Board Attendees: Angie Brice Thomas, Lindsay Danon, Karen Annette Francois, Shawn Jenkins, Sherrard Zamore

Attended Virtually: Hank Mannix

Absent: Kevin Bryant

ESI Board Attendees: Jana Reed, Morty Ballen

Attended Virtually: Brian Coad, Lindsay Matovich

Absent: Reshma Patel,

Other Attendees: Jeremy Thomas, Ebony Staley, Tracy Rebe, Carrie Mauer

Meeting called to order at 6:02

Welcome & Approval of Minutes

Shawn Jenkins motioned to approve the minutes from the ECSB Board Meeting held on April 25, 2023

Lindsay Danon seconded the motion

The motion was unanimously approved

The ESI Board of Trustees approved minutes from the meeting held on March 14, 2023

Board Subcommittee Updates

Subcommittee updates will begin with a vote on the new officer slate with Angie Brice as Board Chair for ECSB and Shawn Jenkins as Vice Chair for both boards.

Hank Mannix motioned to approve Angie Brice Thomas as Board Chair and Shawn Jenkins as Vice Chair

Lindsay Danon seconded the motion

The motion was unanimously approved

The ESI Board of Trustees approved Shawn Jenkins as Vice Chair

Following the vote, Board members shared reflections and observations from recent school visits, noting how much progress the schools have made since the last time they visited prior to the pandemic.

CEO Update

Karen Annette Francois, CEO, started by sharing reflections from the math state exam. Karen Annette then shared a preview of the network priorities for the 2023-24 SY. The shared priority for 2023-24 is Developing our Expertise, Elevating Student Learning. Karen Annette shared how the priority will influence how the network designs and leads PD over the summer. Board members discussed what success against the priority looks like at the end of the school year. Finally, Karen Annette updated the Board on the charter renewal process and timeline.

Finance Update & FY 24 Budget Previews

Ashley Dickens, Managing Director of Finance, shared an ESI and ECSB finance update including a review of the Q3 financials for both ECSB and ESI, as well as a formal high-level preview of the FY 24 proposed budget. Ashley also shared an update on the ESI Audit which included a clean opinion. The board asked questions around percent of students receiving services and anticipated enrollment numbers for the fall as they impact budgeting.

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 6:58

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.

Angie Brice Thomas motioned to go into executive session at 6:58 pm and invited ESI board members, Carrie Mauer, and Tracy Rebe to join

Shawn Jenkins seconded the motion

The motion was unanimously approved

Angie Brice Thomas motioned for the ECS board to come out of executive session at 7:52 pm.

Shawn Jenkins seconded the motion.

The motion was unanimously approved.