



Explore Charter Schools Board Meeting Minutes–September 19, 2023

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

Attended Virtually: Kevin Bryant

Absent: Hank Mannix

ESI Board Attendees: Jana Reed, Reshma Patel, Morty Ballen

Attended Virtually: Brian Coad, Lindsay Matovich

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Other Attendees: Carrie Mauer, Efrat Kussell, Greg Foster, Tracy Rebe, Jeremy Thomas

Sherrard Zamore resigned from the ECSB Board in advance of the September 19 meeting acknowledging his work schedule, and geographical distance from Brooklyn, made it unlikely he would be able to attend in person.

Meeting called to order at 6:05.

Welcome & Approval of Minutes

Angie Brice Thomas motioned to approve the minutes from the ECSB Board Meeting held on June 13, 2023

Shawn Jenkins seconded the motion.

The motion was unanimously approved.

ESI Board approved the minutes from the ESI Board Meeting held on June 13, 2023.

Board Votes

The ECSB and ESI Boards voted on renewing the membership of their board members as well as their committee assignments. Additionally, the ECSB Board approved Brooke Workman's contract. Following the votes, Karen Annette gave an update on the Family Representative search process and introduced the newest member of ESI, Greg Foster, Chief Operating and Financial Officer.

Angie Brice Thomas motioned to approve the ECSB board roster and committee assignments.

Shawn Jenkins seconded the motion.

The motion was unanimously approved.

The ESI Board approved the ESI board roster and committee assignments.

Angie Brice Thomas motioned to approve Brooke Workman's Contract.

Lindsay Danon seconded the motion.

The motion was unanimously approved.

Board Self Evaluation Reflection

Reshma Patel facilitated the board in reviewing trend data from the board self-evaluation. The trends included talent and fiscal management as strengths with a desire to review policies and give strategic input more frequently. From the reflection, the board came out of the discussion, the board noted a desire to see more family engagement with the board and board meetings.

CEO Update

Karen Annette Francois, CEO, shared reflections from the beginning of school and how the first few weeks have been for students and staff. Karen Annette also shared enrollment and retention data related to 22-23 school year. The board discussed trends in the enrollment data, noting the positive direction of enrollment in the current school year. The board asked about chronic absenteeism and discussed how schools handle absent students on a day-to-day basis. Finally, Karen Annette shared an update on attrition and retention data related to staff. The board asked how staff attrition and retention data looked when accounting for subgroups which will be discussed in more depth at the October meeting.

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 6:36.

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 6:36 pm and invited ESI board members, Carrie Mauer, Efrat Kussell, Greg Foster, and Tracy Rebe were invited 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 7:42 pm.

Shawn Jenkins seconded the motion.

The motion was unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 pm