

MINUTES
Excel Academy Charter Schools Board Meeting
Tuesday, January 26, 2021 – 8:00 am
Conference Call

Board Members Attending by Phone: Ben Howe (Chair), David Stolow (Treasurer), Robert Lytle, Pamela Klein, Matt Ottmer, Stephen Mugford, Caitlin Brumme, Bernabe Rodriguez, Devon Petersmeyer Johnson, Yahaira Acuna, Nery Castro

Staff Attending: Owen Stearns, Andrew Solomon, Lana Ewing, Laura Goldworm

Ben Howe, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:03 am and presided over the meeting. Diane Cohen kept the minutes of the meeting.

1. Approval of Minutes

Ben Howe motioned to approve minutes from 12/15/20. Steve Mugford seconded. Minutes were approved.

2. CAPS Update

Owen Stearns provided an update on staffing, academics, student engagement, college access, and student supports during the pandemic. We are actively planning for what comes next.

3. Finance and Fundraising Update

Andrew Solomon provided an update on contingency planning for the FY21 budget given financial uncertainty resulting from the pandemic. The Board discussed potential scenarios and strategic planning questions.

4. Excel Academy Greenway

Owen shared with the Board the news of the completion of the new Greenway building. The move is scheduled to be completed and the team looks forward to welcoming students back soon.

5. Reopening Plans

Lana Ewing shared an overview of the schools reopening plans. The schools are planning a phased reopening and will begin to bring a small group of students back in late February.

6. Rhode Island

Owen Stearns shared progress on the opening of Excel Academy in Rhode Island. The team is ready to launch the application for the school leader role.

7. Chief Schools Officer

Owen shared an update on the hiring process for the Chief Schools Officer role. He shared that the organization hopes to have someone on board by the end of April.

Ben motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 am, seconded by Rob Lytle and the meeting was adjourned.

List of Documents Presented at the Meeting:

1. Minutes from 12/15/20
2. Board Update Slides

Respectfully Submitted,

Ben Howe, Chair