**MINUTES**

**Excel Academy Charter Schools Board Meeting**

**Tuesday, September 15th, 2020 – 8:00am**

**Conference Call**

**Board of Trustees Board Members Attending:** Ben Howe (Chair), Caitlin Brumme, Matt Ottmer, Robert Lytle, Stephen Mugford

**Member of the Public:** Yahaira Acuna

**Staff Attending:** Owen Stearns, Diane Cohen, Nina Keough

Ben Howe, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:00am and presided over the meeting. Diane Cohen kept the minutes of the meeting.

**1. Approve Minutes**

Ben Howe motioned to approve the minutes from the September 7, 2020 Board Meeting. Caitlin Brumme seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**2. New Member Vote**

Owen Stearns introduced Excel Alum, Yahaira Acuna. Yahaira shared her professional experience and discussed her connection to Excel. The Board discussed her appointment to the Board. Ben Howe motioned to approve her appointment to the Board and Rob Lylte seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**3. Opening School Plan**

Nina Keough shared the opening school plans for the High School. She reviewed what a day of remote learning will look for the students. She discussed prioritizing students maintaining a robust curriculum including AP offerings and arts. Cait Brumme raised questions about maintaining the school culture during remote learning and Nina shared how that work has shifted. Nina addressed serving students with special needs during this time. Shared the priority around grading for equity.

List of Documents Presented at the Meeting:

1. 9/7/20 Minutes

Ben Howe motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:35AM. Matt Ottmer seconded, and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Ben Howe, Chair