

**MINUTES**  
**Excel Academy Rhode Island Board Meeting**  
**Friday, November 19, 2021 – 9:00 am**  
**One Financial Plaza - 18th Floor Providence, RI 02903**

**Board Members in Attendance:** Mayor Jorge Elorza, Channavy Chhay, Carlene Fonseca, Chiv Heng

**Board Members Absent:** Mayor Charles Lombardi, Liz Giordano, Mayor Maria Rivera

**Staff Attending:** Owen Stearns, Arthur Kaynor, Diane Cohen, Liz Matson

**1. Call to Order**

Mayor Elorza, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:10 am and presided over the meeting. Diane Cohen kept the minutes of the meeting.

**2. Roll Call**

Noted above

**3. Approval of Minutes**

Chhay motioned to approve the minutes from the 10.15.21 meeting of the Board and Heng seconded.

All those in favor: Mayor Jorge Elorza, Channavy Chhay, Carlene Fonseca, Chiv Heng

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

**4. Team Building**

Stearns led the group through a team-building exercise.

**5. Discussion and Action Items**

a. Discussion: The Board discussed a proposal to amend the articles of incorporation to add the following text: "Upon the dissolution of this organization, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose." There was a discussion of a proposal authorizing the following staff to sign and submit Charter School Program (CSP) reimbursement claims on behalf of Excel Academy Rhode Island: Chief Financial Officer, Head of School, Chief Executive Officer, Director of Special Projects.

Fonseca motioned to approve both proposals and was seconded by Chhay.

All those in favor: Mayor Jorge Elorza, Channavy Chhay, Carlene Fonseca, Chiv Heng

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

b. Discussion and Action Item: The Board discussed a proposed resolution authorizing the Treasurer to negotiate and sign a facility lease within certain parameters determined by the Board. The Board discussed the process for the lease negotiations and the resources that will be available to the Treasurer.

Chhay motioned to approve the resolution and parameters regarding a facility lease and was seconded by Fonseca.

All those in favor: Mayor Jorge Elorza, Channavy Chhay, Carlene Fonseca, Chiv Heng

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

b. Discussion: Estevan Puerta and Owen Stearns discussed the Rhode Island team's approach to student recruitment and community engagement. They discussed the logistics of collecting applications and their approach to translating documents.

### **7. Public Comment**

None

### **8. Adjourn**

Fonseca moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:15 am, seconded by Chhay and the meeting was adjourned.

List of Documents Presented at the Meeting:

1. Agenda
2. Minutes from 10.15