

DRAFT MINUTES
Excel Academy Rhode Island Board Meeting
Friday, June 11, 2021 – 9:00 am
One Financial Plaza - 18th Floor Providence, RI 02903

Board Members Attending by Phone: Mayor Jorge Elorza, Mayor Maria Rivera, Channavy Chhay, Chiv Heng, Liz Giordano

Board Members Attending by Zoom: Carlene Fonseca

Board Members Absent: Mayor Charles Lombardi

Staff Attending: Owen Stearns, Andrew Solomon, Arthur Kaynor, Diane Cohen, Michaelle Larracuenta

Members of the Public: Matt Plain

1. Call to Order

Mayor Elorza, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:08 am and presided over the meeting. Diane Cohen kept the minutes of the meeting.

2. Roll Call

Noted above

3. Welcome and Introductions

Mayor Elorza and Owen welcomed the group to the first meeting of the Excel Academy Rhode Island Board.

4. Team Building

Michaelle led the group through a team-building exercise where people shared the story of their names.

5. Board Orientation and What to Expect

Owen provided the group with an overview of who is on the board and how this group will work together.

- a. Mayor Riveria motioned to approve the bylaws and Mayor Elorza seconded.

Discussion: The Board reviewed and agreed to approve the bylaws.

All those in favor: Mayor Jorge Elorza, Mayor Maria Rivera, Channavy Chhay, Chiv Heng, Liz Giordano, Carlene Fonseca

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

- b. Mayor Rivera motioned to approve the list of Board members, Channavy seconded.

Discussion: The Board confirmed the current list of Board removing Owen Stearns and Liz Matson

All those in favor: Mayor Jorge Elorza, Mayor Maria Rivera, Channavy Chhay, Chiv Heng, Liz Giordano, Carlene Fonseca

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

- c. Channavy motioned to approve the calendar for the year presented on the agenda and Mayor Rivera seconded.

Discussion: The Board agreed to the dates on the agenda for the meetings scheduled for the next year.

All those in favor: Mayor Jorge Elorza, Mayor Maria Rivera, Channavy Chhay, Chiv Heng, Liz Giordano, Carlene Fonseca

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

6. Progress on EARI School Launch

Owen provided an update on where the school is in preparing for the launch of the school; including an update on the facilities timeline, progress on hiring a Dean of Operations, and fundraising.

7. Public Comment

None

8. Adjourn

Owen motioned to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 am, seconded by Mayor Rivera and the meeting was adjourned.

All those in favor: Mayor Jorge Elorza, Mayor Maria Rivera, Channavy Chhay, Chiv Heng, Liz Giordano, Carlene Fonseca

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

List of Documents Presented at the Meeting:

1. Agenda
2. Bylaws