

MINUTES
Excel Academy Rhode Island Board Meeting
Thursday, November 17, 2022 – 5:00 pm
622 Woonasquatucket Ave, North Providence

Board Members in Attendance: Mayor Maria Rivera, Channavy Chhay, Liz Giordano, Mayor Jorge Elorza, Gary Goldberg, Carlene Fonseca, Chiv Heng

Board Members Absent: Mayor Charles Lombardi

Staff Attending: Owen Stearns, Arthur Kaynor, Diane Cohen, Andrew Solomon, Nina Keough

1. Call to Order

Mayor Elorza, Chair of the Board, called the meeting to order at 5:07 pm and presided over the meeting. Cohen kept the minutes of the meeting.

2. Roll Call

Noted above

3. Public comment

None

4. Update on the Opening of Schools

Keough shared an update on the opening of the school. She discussed some of the early successes and challenges around implementing the systems and structures to ensure the safety and success of the students. She updated the group on the plans to address some of the early challenges. The group discussed communication with families and the PD plans to support the staff and reset the school.

5. Board Business

Approval of Minutes

Chhay motioned to approve the minutes from the 6.17.22 meeting of the Board and Giordano seconded.

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

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

Resolution on Disciplinary Determination as Outlined in the Handbook

Chhay motioned to approve the slate of officers presented on the agenda Fonseca seconded.

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

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

Resolution on the Employee Appeals Process

Heng motioned to approve the slate of officers presented on the agenda Giordano seconded.

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

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

Vote to Approve Update to Building Committee Membership

Fonseca motioned to approve the membership presented on the agenda Chhay seconded.

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

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

6. 2023-24 Enrollment Plan

Stearns shared the proposed changes to the enrollment plan and rationale, including ongoing challenges with securing long term facilities.

Vote to Approve Update to 2023-24 Enrollment Plan

Chhay motioned to approve the slate of officers presented on the agenda Chiv seconded.

All those in favor: Channavy Chhay, Liz Giordano, Mayor Jorge Elorza, Gary Goldberg, Chiv Heng

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

7. Adjourn

Mayor Elorza closed the meeting at 6:26 pm.

List of Documents Presented at the Meeting:

1. Agenda
2. Minutes from 6.17.22
3. Resolution delegating disciplinary determinations to the school and CEO as outlined in the Excel
4. Employee Appeals Policy in the Employee Handbook
5. Update to Building Committee membership, with Andrew Solomon as Chair
6. Update to SY23-24 enrollment plan