

Alliance Charter Academy

Governing Board Meeting

Approved 7/26/23

Minutes for June 14, 2023

The Board of Directors of Alliance Charter Academy met on June 14, 2023, virtually via Google Meet. Regular Session began at 6:02pm

Board Members present were Interim Chair Tara McLaughlin, Interim Vice Chair/Interim Treasurer/Secretary Robert Bruders, Shannon Meade, Tiffany Kilpatrick, and Cecilia Morgan. Also present were Sarah Reck-Secunda, Lindsey Skones, and Darla Hall.

A. CALL TO ORDER

- a. The Board Chair called the meeting to order at 6:02pm.

B. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approved; removed JGE-G1 for further discussion

C. PUBLIC INPUT

- a. Danelle spoke about her concerns; she requested the Equity Committee be placed under the Board instead of under Administration.

D. BOARD VACANCIES - EFFECTIVE July 1, 2023

- a. Open vacancies - Sarah Reck-Secunda; Lindsey Skones; Darla Hall; Shannon Meade for final term.
 - i. Tara moved to approve Sarah Reck-Secunda as a new member of the Board for two-year term; Shannon seconded. Tiffany abstained. Robert and Cecilia in favor.
 - ii. Tara moved to approve Lindsey Skones as a new member of the Board for two-year term; Cecilia seconded. Tiffany abstained. Robert and Shannon in favor.
 - iii. Tara moved to approve Darla Hall as a new member of the Board for two-year term; Robert seconded. Tiffany abstained. Cecilia and Shannon in favor.
 - iv. Tara moved to approve a final term for Shannon Meade on the Board for two-year term; Cecilia seconded. Tiffany abstained. Robert in favor.
- b. Chair - Robert moved to elect Tara McLaughlin as Board Chair for 2023-24 term, Cecilia seconded. All in favor.
- c. Vice-Chair - Tara moved to elect Sarah Reck-Secunda as Board Vice-Chair for 2023-24 term, seconded. All in favor.
- d. Treasurer - Tara moved to elect Robert Bruders as Board Treasurer for 2023-24 term, Tiffany seconded. All in favor.
- e. Secretary - Tara moved to elect Lindsey Skones as Board Secretary for 2023-24 term, Cecilia seconded. All in favor.

- f. Signatories - Tara moved to remove Tiffany Kilpatrick, Tom Snyder, and Barbara Kindler-Gaines from the list of approved signers; and add Matt Lacy, Tara McLaughlin, and Lindsey Skones as signers in addition to Robert Bruders, effective July 1, 2023. Robert seconded. All in favor.

E. RECOGNITION

- a. Tara - Apologized for any possible mis-steps made by the Board during the previous General meeting.
- b. Cecilia - Thank you to staff
- c. Shannon - All the hats that Carla Calhoun has worn over the years and all the invaluable assistance she has provided. Thank you to Barbara.

F. REPORTS

- a. Executive Director -
 - i. Barbara had a video about Longitudinal Growth Performance Targets (LGPT); SIA grant; High School Success; EEIF.
 - ii. Charter Renewal - We are working with the lawyer and the school district to finalize the Charter. OCSD will be taking over Special Education, absorbing our current SPED staff and making them District employees.
 - iii. Academic Calendar for 23-24 - Calendar is being updated by Shallon; proposed calendars were presented to the Board; **Tara moved to approve the Academic calendar with the adjusted staff start date August 21st**; Tiffany seconded. All in favor.
- b. Financials
 - i. Budget to Actuals - Christine explained that she added another column that includes estimated remaining expenses and a total projected to give the Board a picture of where finances will actually be.
 - ii. Preliminary budget - We will have more accurate numbers by the end of the month;
 - iii. Health Benefits - Current plan to increase 10% for next plan year. OEBC will be comparable, but limits annual increases to around 3%. OEBC also allows more options available. The Finance Committee will work on determining which plans will be offered prior to the end of the year and how much ACA will cover. Tara moved that ACA change to OEBC for employee health/dental insurance with a start date of January 1, 2024. Robert seconded. All in favor.
 - iv. Tara moved that we will not cover Short Term Disability (STD) but will cover Long Term Disability (LTD) and life insurance; Robert seconded. All in favor.
 - v. Finance Committee - Meet a minimum of 3 times a year. Should be Robert (Treasurer), Matt (ED), Christine (Business Manager), one other Board member and possibly two community members. This will be discussed in more detail during the August meeting.

G. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Hiring new Executive Director - Tara moved to hire Matt Lacy as the Executive Director for the 2023-2024 school year; Robert seconded. Shannon recused herself as she is an employee. Cecilia and Tiffany in favor.
- b. Policy removed from consent agenda - JGE-G1 Tabled until August meeting
- c. Review and update Bylaws - Tabled until August meeting
- d. OEGB changeover (See F.b.iii)

H. NEW BUSINESS

- a. ACA EATS presentation - Kerry Foley
- b. Board Training options - Tara
- c. Human Resources consulting options - Cecilia
- d. Administrative Transition for 2023-24 school year

I. ACTION ITEMS

- a. Vote to approve new Executive Director (See G.a)
- b. Vote to approve changes to 2023-24 Academic Calendar (See F.a.iii)
- c. Vote to approve OEGB and set start date (See F.b.iii)
- d. Election of new Board members (See D.a)
- e. Election of Board Officers (See D.b-e)
- f. Removal of signers on ACA account for 2023-24 school year (See D.f)
- g. New signers on ACA account for 2023-24 school year (See D.f)
- h. Discuss HR Committee
- i. Set date for July Special Session to set final 2023-24 budget
- j. Set Board meeting schedule for 2023-24

J. ADJOURNMENT

- a. Adjourned at 9pm

K. NEXT MEETING

- a. 7/5/23 Budget 23-24 vote