



ECS Board Meeting, August 16, 2021

Called to Order - 6:30pm

**Members Present:** Mr. Jim Stringfellow, Ms. Palak Forbes, Ms. Roberta Osorio, Mr. Len Gilbert, Mr. Ardian Hasko

**Members Present (Zoom video):** Mr. Ed Hubbard

**Members Present (phone):** none

**Members Absent:** Ms. Erica King, Ms. Ayisha Lee, Mr. Edison Bardowell

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#### **Meeting Called to Order**

Ms. Roberta Osorio opened up the meeting and welcomed everyone.

#### **Development Update**

Ms. Megan Benway updated the board that we again received a \$25,000 grant from Sexauer. She also updated that 6 people are currently contributing to the Friends of Equality Scholarship and that a paid alumni internship position is being created to work over winter break to assist with ECS graduate student data collection.

#### **Real Estate Update**

Ms. Caitlin Franco updated the board on continued negotiations with Blessed Sacrament for the elementary school lease and plans for the build-out.

#### **Governance Update**

Ms. Franco introduced a prospective board member, Ms. Robin Aufses, who attended the board meeting.

She then updated the board on the hiring of Gareth Daley as Equality's new COO. Start date is August 20, 2021. In addition, Ms. Franco called for 2 resolutions:

- *Resolution for the board to authorize the approval of the ECS 2021-22 calendar. Ms. Osorio moved to approve the motion, with Mr. Len Gilbert seconding. All approved, no one opposed, the motion passed.*
- *Resolution for the board to authorize the changes as listed in the "Handbook/ Document Changes for '21-'22" to the MS Safety Plan, HS Safety Plan, Code of Conduct, Personnel Handbook, FPP, Board Manual, and the Organizational Chart. Ms. Osorio moved to approve the motion, with Mr. Ardian Hasko seconding. All approved, no one opposed, the motion passed.*

Ms. Franco also updated the board on the results of the most recent yearly board member survey results.



**Finance Update**

Mr. Gabriel Park reviewed the June finances and discussions from the July 30, 2021 Finance Committee meeting. Next Finance Committee meeting will be held on Friday, August 27, 2021.

**Academic Accountability Update**

Ms. Jocelyn Kelly updated the board that contract negotiations with Jamilah Pitts (Racial Equity consultant) are ongoing and should be completed by the end of August.

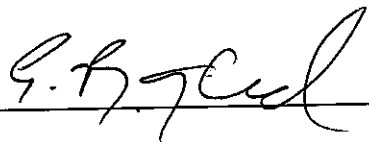
Ms. Osorio then updated the board on Strategic Instructional Goals for Year 3 of the Strategic Plan and a draft of the objectives being evaluated for to achieve those goals.

Ms. Osorio then updated the board on school plans regarding COVID. There will not be a full-time remote option and all members will be required to produce a negative test before start of school.

**Adjournment**

There was then a motion and approval for the meeting to adjourn.

Adjourned - 7:45pm

  
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