



**Board of Directors Meeting  
Tuesday, March 24, 2020  
Via Conference Call**

**MINUTES**

**Participants:** Glen Howard, Chair  
Scott Bess  
Michelle Gillard  
Elizabeth Lindsey  
Lisa Mallory  
Catherine Meloy  
Chawntavia Watkins  
April Young

The following staff members were also present: Ijeoma Adetoye, Chelsea Kirk, Colleen Paletta, Rosa Proctor, Elizabeth Rienzo, and Josh Wallish. Ms. Rienzo recorded the minutes of the meeting.

Mr. Howard called the meeting to order at 9:35am.

**Mission Moment**

Dr. Kirk provided an update on the Public Charter School Board (“PCSB”) Quality School Review. She reported that the Goodwill Excel Center is the first charter school in the District of Columbia ever to receive a perfect score in the domains of classroom environment and instruction.

**Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Howard asked for any proposed corrections and/or additions to the minutes of the December 10, 2019 board meeting. He asked that the minutes be revised to reflect both (i) the Board’s action on two resolutions presented to it and (ii) that no action was taken or decisions made during the executive session. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the **minutes, as so amended, were unanimously approved.**

**Financial Report**

Ms. Proctor presented the January 2020 financials, highlighting items of particular importance.

## Excel Center Update

In the context of the overwhelming effect that the Coronavirus is having on the region, Ms. Paletta provided an update on school operations, focusing on student distance learning, student engagement, and modification of the school calendar. Extensive discussion followed, with Ms. Paletta and Dr. Kirk responding to questions.

Ms. Paletta updated the Board on the year-to-date charter goals, focusing on enrollment and academic progress.

Ms. Paletta then advised the Board that the Excel Center had submitted a charter amendment application to the PCBS on March 6, 2020, and that, per PCSB rules, the Board is required to approve that application. She explained (i) that the application was made in response to the PCSB's change in how it measures schools eligible for the Alternative Accountability Framework and (ii) that the Excel Center wants to align immediately with the new guidance in school year 19-20 as follows:

1. eliminate the ACT goal from the Center's charter goal requirements; and
2. modify the Center's business rules for math and reading goals to include those students who meet their reading and/or math growth goals within one term (as opposed to two terms, as the current business rule requires).

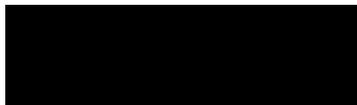
Discussion followed, with Mss. Meloy and Paletta responding to questions. Upon motion duly made and seconded, **the amendment request was approved.**

Ms. Meloy updated the Board on the current status of plans to expand the Excel Center to a second location. Discussion followed, with Mss. Meloy and Paletta responding to questions.

## Executive Session

Management and staff were excused from the meeting and the Board went into executive session. No decisions were made or actions taken during the executive session.

Mr. Howard adjourned the meeting at 11:30am.



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Elizabeth Karmin  
Secretary