



**Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, March 23, 2021
Via Videoconference**

MINUTES

Participants: Glen Howard, Chair
Scott Bess
Michelle Gilliard
Elizabeth Lindsey
Lisa Mallory
Catherine Meloy
Jose Turcios
April Young

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

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

Ms. Meloy congratulated Ms. Lindsey on her new position as CEO of Urban Alliance.

Mission Moment

Dr. Kirk introduced the Mission Moment by welcoming GEC student Ronsie McKnight. Mr. McKnight presented the “Why Now?” statement from his application and explained to the Board his reasons for enrolling in the Excel Center.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Howard asked for any proposed corrections or other revisions to the minutes of the December 15, 2020 Board meeting. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the **Board unanimously approved the minutes by roll call vote.**

Expansion

Ms. Meloy provided an update on school expansion plans, focusing on the proposed new facility charter agreement application, the proposed location of the second location, and the financial aspects of a second campus.

Extensive discussion followed with Mss. Meloy, Paletta and Proctor responding to numerous questions.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, **the Board unanimously approved, by roll call vote, the new facility charter agreement amendment application.**

Ms. Paletta announced the promotion of Dr. Chelsea Kirk to the new position of Executive Director, and Board members roundly congratulated Dr. Kirk on her promotion. Ms. Paletta then presented an updated organizational chart.

Financial Report

Ms. Proctor presented the year-to-date January 2021 financials, highlighting several items of particular importance. Discussion followed with Ms. Proctor responding to questions.

Operational Update

Ms. Paletta provided an update on school operations, focusing on the transition to hybrid learning, year-to-date charter goals, and the PCSB mid-year review. Extensive discussion followed, with Mss. Meloy, Paletta, and Proctor responding to questions.

Public Comment

No one from the public attended the meeting.

Mr. Howard adjourned the meeting at 11:00am.

Elizabeth Karmin
Secretary