



**Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, October 12, 2021
Via Videoconference**

MINUTES

Participants: Glen Howard, Chair
Scott Bess
Michelle Gilliard
Elizabeth Karmin
Elizabeth Lindsey
Catherine Meloy
April Young

The following staff members were also present: Chelsea Kirk, Colleen Paletta, 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.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Howard asked for any proposed corrections and/or other revisions to the minutes of the July 12, 2021 Board meeting. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the **Board unanimously approved the minutes by roll call vote.**

Mission Moment

Dr. Kirk presented the Mission Moment, highlighting the success of July 2021 alumni Kia Terry and Asma Fatmi. Dr. Kirk also honored GEC Humanities teacher, Ashley Bennett, and the Board observed a moment of silence in her memory.

Financial Report

Ms. Wasden presented the year-end June 2021 and year-to-date August 2021 financials, highlighting several items of particular importance. Discussion followed, with Ms. Wasden responding to questions.

Excel Center Update

Ms. Paletta provided an update on school operations, focusing on year-to-date charter goals, SY 2021-22 enrollment progress, Covid statistics, and the hybrid learning approach. Extensive discussion followed, with Ms. Paletta and Dr. Kirk responding to questions.

Expansion to Second Campus

Mr. Wallish reported on the status of the lease for the second Excel Center campus. Discussion followed, with Mr. Wallish and Ms. Meloy responding to questions.

Student Board Members

Ms. Meloy introduced two Goodwill Excel Center students as potential candidates for election to the Board of Directors: Ms. Shirlissa Steele and Mr. Polaris Baily. Immediately following the meeting, Board members unanimously voted via email to elect Ms. Steele and Mr. Baily to serve on the Board for the SY21-22 term.

Public Comment

No one from the public attended the meeting.

Mr. Howard adjourned the meeting at 10:40am.

Elizabeth Karmin
Secretary