



Board Meeting
April 20, 2020

Board Member Attendance

<p><u>Present:</u> Michela English Jenny Abramson Hadley Cooper Patrick Clowney Nicole Davy Terry Eakin Mercedes Kearney Judy Lansing Kovler Emily Lawson Maura Marino Larry Nussdorf Valerie Rockefeller</p>	<p><u>By Phone:</u></p> <p><u>Absent</u> None</p>
<p><u>Others Present:</u> Laura Maestas, Chief Executive Officer Dan Englander, Chief Operating Officer/Chief Finance Officer Katie Severn, Chief Academic Officer Neils Ribeiro-Yemofio, Chief of Staff Suraj Patel, Chief Talent Officer Kearney Shanahan, Counsel Lucy Mendez, Education Forward DC</p>	

COVID-19 Related Update: The leadership team is gathering input from DC Prep Principals on the school calendar, including a school start date, which also impacts the end date for the current school year. The team continues gathering input and plans to debrief as an executive team in the coming week. Laura has drafted a Board resolution that delegates authority to Laura, Katie, Dan, and Michela to make modifications to the school year calendar, as appropriate, and based on ongoing needs. The Board resolution was passed unanimously.

Distance Learning Plan: Since March 13th, DC Prep has focused on two big goals for distance learning-- Care and Connection, as well as High Quality Instruction. Educators are focused on connecting with students and families, and assessing which families need access to food or basic needs, in addition to providing academic instruction. The academic team is also focused on supporting staff as they adjust to a new context.

Distance learning for this current school year consists of three phases. Phase I was focused on connecting with students and families and ensuring students had access to work. Phase II built on Phase I by including pre-recorded instruction in ELA and Math, and work packets that the academic team and staff created. Phase II also added in “live” video instruction with families and students and other ways to stay connected. Phase III will launch the week of April 27th , and will enable all students to receive live small group instruction and submit work. This will be made possible by distributing Chromebooks to all students in grades 2-8, and any student with an IEP or who lacks access to a device in the lower grades.

AMC Update: AMC will have its first cohort of 1st graders in Fall of 2020 and will co-locate with Excel Academy at Birney Elementary School for its first two years. DC Prep is continuing to talk with Building Pathways about the potential to remain in the building for the duration of the master lease.

Budget Update: The district’s budget timeline has been altered because of Covid-19 and the mayor will release her budget in early May instead of the typical release date in mid-March. The finance committee will be reviewing the mayor’s budget at its next committee meeting and will finalize DC Prep’s budget based on updated per pupil funding. The finance committee will present the budget to the board for approval before July 1, 2020.

Prep Next: The Prep Next program currently serves 500 students and is one of the top high school college access programs in DC. Prep Next consistently has higher high school graduation and college enrollment rates compared to national averages among first generation and low-income students. DC Prep projects to be serving 1,200 DC Prep alumni by school year 2025-26.

January Board Meeting Minutes:

Motion	Record
— Larry Nussdorf moved to approve the January 2020 board meeting minutes.	Approved: 13 Opposed: 0 Abstaining: 0
— Judy Lansing Kovler seconded the motion.	
The January 2020 board minutes were approved.	

The board went into executive session at 6:50 pm. No votes were taken.