**Shining Stars Montessori Academy-PCS**

**1240 Randolph Street, NE**

**Washington, D.C. 20017**

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Emergency Meeting Minutes**

**March 13, 2021**

**7:45 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.**

An emergency meeting of the Board of Trustees (hereafter the “**Board**”) of Shining Stars Montessori Academy Public Charter School (hereafter “**Shining Stars**” and “**School**”) was held on Saturday, March 13, 2021 at 7:45 p.m. Due to the current public health emergency, as declared by Mayor Muriel Bowser, the Board held its meeting virtually and will continue in that format, until the public health emergency has been lifted and in person meetings deemed safe to resume.

1. **Introduction**
   1. Welcome [Board Chair]
   2. Call the meeting to Order [Board Chair]
      1. The meeting was held virtually via Google Meet.
      2. Reason[[1]](#footnote-1) an emergency meeting was called and how public notice was provided.
         1. An emergency meeting of the Board of Trustees is called to discuss contracts related to the school’s facilities obligations that are being presented by outside entities and currently in negotiations. The contracts present issues that are currently in negotiations both with Shining Stars and outside entities. These discussions relate to matters that are specific to the negotiations between the parties and are proprietary and exempt from disclosure under DC Open Meetings Act. See D.C. Official Code § 2–575(b)(2) and (b)(11).
   3. Roll Call [Attendance]
      * Anthony King, Esq.
      * Kamal Wright-Cunningham PhD
      * Aldel Brown
      * Willa Golden
      * Teischa Harris
      * Tatiana LaBorde
      * Shawn Samuel
      * R. Rodriguez-Garcia (ex-officio)
   4. Establish Quorum
      1. A quorum of directors was present, and the meeting, having been convened, proceeded with the business.
2. **Public Comment**
   1. This time is reserved for citizens, employees and representatives of school groups to address the Board on items that are not on the agenda. By law, the Board cannot take action upon or discuss items that are not on the approved agenda, but welcomes your comments. Persons addressing the Board are asked to state their names and whether or not they are a resident of the District. The Board Chair reserves the right to limit comments from the public as well as the amount of time spent on any one topic.
      1. The March 13, 2021 emergency meeting of the Board was open to the public. No members of the public were present, and no comments were made.
3. **Closed Session** 
   1. In accordance with the District of Columbia Open Meetings Act, the Board of Trustees entered into a closed session for the following reasons:
      1. **Negotiations**[[2]](#footnote-2): To discuss and establish the position to be taken in negotiating the price and other material terms of a contract.
      2. **Trade Secrets, Commercial or Financial Information**[[3]](#footnote-3): To discuss trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from outside the government or public body, to the extent that disclosure would result in substantial harm to the competitive position of the person from whom the information was obtained.
      3. Entered into closed session at 7:51 p.m.
4. **Re-open public meeting** 
   1. Resume public meeting
      1. The meeting re-opened to the public.
   2. Vote on any action or decision to be taken
      1. The board voted unanimously to proceed with the negotiations related to the property conversion from a standard commercial lease to a long-term ground lease, and the documents related to execute that change.
5. **Closing Items**
   1. Adjourn Meeting (Vote)
      1. There being no further business to come before the members, the meeting was adjourned by the Chair.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on April 17, 2021

1. *See* D.C. Official Code § 2–577(d). [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. *See* D.C. Official Code § 2–575(b)(2). [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. *See* D.C. Official Code § 2–575(b)(11). [↑](#footnote-ref-3)