

Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday, March 15, 2022

Via Videoconference

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Participants: Glen Howard, Chair

Scott Bess

Michelle Gilliard

Elizabeth Karmin

Catherine Meloy

Shirlissa Steele

April Young

The following staff members were also present: Jeff Cole, 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 presented the Mission Moment, highlighting the accomplishments of recent graduates Andre Glossman and LaShawn Jasper, as well as Juliet McKenzie, who is on track to graduate in July.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Howard asked for any proposed corrections or other revisions to the minutes of the December 14, 2021 Board meeting. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board unanimously approved the minutes by roll call vote.

Financial Report

Ms. Proctor presented the year-to-date January 2022 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 year-to-date charter goals, teacher and student vaccination status and the vision for continued expanded virtual component for the SY22-23. Discussion followed, with Ms. Paletta, and Dr. Kirk responding to questions.

Ms. Paletta presented an update on the construction of the second GEC campus. The construction is progressing well and the first term for in person learning will be term one of SY 22-23.

Ms. Meloy informed the Board that in 2019, the Maryland State Department of Education and the Maryland Department of Labor issued a Solicitation for Proposals to establish an alternative method for adults, 21 years and older, to earn a high school diploma, paving the road to open an Excel Center in Maryland. With the second GEC campus opening soon, a plan is being established to explore how to obtain funding and approval to open a campus in Prince Georges County.

Public Comment

No one from the public attended the meeting.

Mr. Howard adjourned the meeting at 11:55am.

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