

MINUTES
Excel Academy Rhode Island Board Meeting
Friday, February 18, 2022 – 9:00 am
ZOOM

Board Members in Attendance: Mayor Maria Rivera, Channavy Chhay, Chiv Heng, Liz Giordano, Mayor Jorge Elorza

Board Members Absent: Mayor Charles Lombardi, Carlene Fonseca

Staff Attending: Owen Stearns, Arthur Kaynor, Diane Cohen, Liz Matson, Andrew Solomon, Michaelle Larracuenta, Jocelyn Foulke

1. Call to Order

Mayor Elorza Chair of the Board, called the meeting to order at 9:06 am and presided over the meeting. Diane Cohen kept the minutes of the meeting.

2. Roll Call

Noted above

3. Approval of Minutes

Heng motioned to approve the minutes from the 1.22.22 meeting of the Board and Giordano seconded.

All those in favor: Mayor Maria Rivera, Channavy Chhay, Chiv Heng, Liz Giordano, Mayor Jorge Elorza

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

4. Team Building

Larracuenta led the group through a team-building exercise.

5. Discussion and Action Items

Discussion and Action Item: Kaynor shared a request for the board to acknowledge the relationship between the boards and provide consent to allow Barton Gilman to represent Friends of Excel Academy.

Chhay motioned to give Barton Gilman permission to represent Friends of Excel in negotiations with Excel Rhode Island and Heng seconded.

All those in favor: Mayor Maria Rivera, Channavy Chhay, Chiv Heng, Liz Giordano, Mayor Jorge Elorza

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

6. Discussion and Action Items

Discussion and Action Item: Foulke shared an update on the status of facilities for Excel Rhode Island. Building Committee Chair JF is charged with matters of facility planning procurement and construction. Foulke reviewed several resolutions related to the financing and construction of new facilities.

Chhay motioned by Chhay seconded by Mayor Rivera. Motion passes for School Building Committee.

All those in favor: Mayor Maria Rivera, Channavy Chhay, Chiv Heng, Liz Giordano, Mayor Jorge Elorza

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

Heng motioned to approve both of the resolutions and Giordano seconded.

All those in favor: Mayor Maria Rivera, Channavy Chhay, Chiv Heng, Liz Giordano, Mayor Jorge Elorza

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

Riveria motioned to approve the last resolution and Heng seconded.

All those in favor: Mayor Maria Rivera, Channavy Chhay, Chiv Heng, Liz Giordano, Mayor Jorge Elorza

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

7. Discussion and Action Items

Discussion and Action Item: Giordano shared an update on the creation of a nominating committee. This committee is charged with creating a robust and diverse board.

Riveria motioned to create a nominating committee chaired by Giordano and Chhay seconded.

All those in favor: Mayor Maria Rivera, Channavy Chhay, Chiv Heng, Liz Giordano, Mayor Jorge Elorza

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

8. Discussion and Action Items

Discussion and Action Item: Larracuenté shared an update on student enrollment and academics.

7. Public Comment

None

8. Adjourn

Riveria closed the meeting at 10:02 am.

List of Documents Presented at the Meeting:

1. Agenda

2. Minutes from 1.22.22
3. Conflict waiver for the CMO agreement process.
4. Resolution related to indoor air quality.
5. Resolutions to support an architectural feasibility study and other items needed to complete the Stage II application and proceed with due diligence.
6. Formation of ad hoc Nominating and Building Committees and their members.