

**MINUTES**  
**Excel Academy Massachusetts Board Meeting**  
**Tuesday, December 14, 2021 – 8:00 am**

**Board Members in Attendance:** Ben Howe, Rob Lytle, Pam Klien, Devon Petersmeyer Johnson, David Stolow, Yahaira Acuna, Bernabe Rodriguez, Matt Ottmer  
Joined after item: Steve Mugford, Nery Castro

**Board Members Absent:** Steve Zrike, Cait Brumme

**Staff Attending:** Owen Stearns, Nina Keough, Katie Megrian, Diane Cohen

**1. Call to Order**

Ben Howe, called the meeting to order at 8:03 am and presided over the meeting. Diane Cohen kept the minutes of the meeting.

**2. Roll Call**

Noted above

**3. Approval of Minutes**

Stolow motioned to approve the minutes from the 10.18.2021 meeting of the Board and Brumme seconded.

All those in favor: Ben Howe, Rob Lytle, Pam Klien, Devon Petersmeyer Johnson, David Stolow, Yahaira Acuna, Bernabe Rodriguez, Matt Ottmer

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

**4. Updates and Discussion: Academic Performance and Priorities**

Keough shared an overview of Excel's academic performance and briefed the board on the impact of the pandemic. Keough and Megrian led a discussion on priorities and strategies to improve the academic performance of the schools and maintain quality as Excel grows.

**5. Public Comment**

None

**6. Adjourn**

Stearns moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 am, seconded by Howe and the meeting was adjourned.

List of Documents Presented at the Meeting:

1. Agenda
2. Minutes from 10.18.2021