



Essence Preparatory Public School
Board of Directors Meeting
November 9, 2022
Minutes

The following board members were in attendance:

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Brian Dillard
Jackie Gorman
Henrietta Muñoz
George Pedraza

Mike Frisbie
Kanwal Sumnani Lopez
Marques Mitchell

Board members not in attendance:

Kim Abernethy

Mary Gradney

Others in attendance:

Akeem Brown, CEO & Superintendent
Stephanie Rodriguez, CSS

Ikedia Manning
Jacqueline Hernandez, CSS

- The meeting was called to order by Chairman Brian Dillard at 5:35 pm
- Superintendent Brown made the following announcements:
 - a. The determination letter from TEA was received approving all of the requested waivers and amendments
 - b. The press release announcing our plans for the new building will go out this evening and tomorrow morning
 - c. The bond sale closes tomorrow (11/10/2022) AT 10 AM Central time.
- The Superintendent's report will be provided in writing
- **It was moved by Mike Frisbie and seconded by George Pedraza to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed; the minutes are approved.**
- Stephanie Rodriguez and Jacqueline Hernandez went over the proposed budget amendment. Superintendent Brown informed the board that there will be other amendments in the future after formula funds and debt service have been finalized. **It was moved by Pedraza and seconded by Frisbie that the budget amendment be approved as presented. The motion passed; the budget is amended.**
- Chairman Dillard announced that the next board meeting which is scheduled for 12/21/22 is moved to 12/14/22 at 5:30 pm. The board retreat is scheduled for 1/21/23. The groundbreaking for the new campus is 12/16/22 at 10 am.
- The meeting was adjourned at 6:07 pm by Chairman Dillard.

Prepared and Submitted by:

Jackie L. Gorman
Board Secretary