

BOARD MEETING of THE SEED SCHOOL of LOS ANGELES COUNTY

BOARD of DIRECTORS Meeting Minutes

Thursday September 29, 2022
1:00 PM PST / 4:00 PM EST
Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Attendance:

Directors Present

Isabel Acosta, Board Secretary
Sophia Echavarria, Board Treasurer
Rod Hamilton
Jackie Kimbrough
Jennifer Price-Letscher
Ruth Stalford, Board Chair

Directors Absent

Staff:

Jubria Lewis, Head of School SEED LA
Randell Erving, Director of Student Life

Guests:

Anita Landecker, CEO of ExED
Gihan Gunasekera, ExED
Neelura Bell, ExED
Allaire Tetrault, SEED Foundation
Rebecca Verdolino, SEED

I. Welcome/Call to Order

- Roll call and Acknowledgement of Recording
 - R. Stalford called the meeting to order at 1:02 pm.
- Acknowledgement of Board Finding
 - The SEED School of Los Angeles County Board of Directors determines in accordance with government code that meeting in person causes an imminent risk to the safety of attendees. The Board has also reconsidered the state of emergency the governor

declared on March 4, 2020 and finds the state of emergency to continue to impact the ability of the Directors to meet in person.

II. Review Past Board Minutes

- R. Stalford reviewed the minutes from the 6/27 board meeting. R. Hamilton moved to accept the minutes from 6/27, resolution 0109292022, J. Price-Letscher seconded the motion. The Board APPROVES the 6/27 minutes with a unanimous vote and the resolution 0109292022 passes.
- R. Stalford motioned to approve the minutes from the 8/4 board meeting, resolution 0209292022. I. Acosta seconds the motion. The Board APPROVES the 8/4 board meeting minutes with a unanimous vote and the resolution 0209292022 passes.

III. Update on Fundraising

- R. Verdolino gave the board an update on ongoing fundraising and a review of the fundraising that has happened so far for building construction and year 1. Currently, we are fundraising for furniture, technology, construction contingency, and transportation for the new building. R. Verdolino outlined the grants we have received in 2022 as well as the ones that are in process. The board was informed about a program launching next year called the friends of SEED to build out a formal community of our supporters.

IV. Head of School Update

- J. Lewis gave an update about SEED LA. Conversations around transportation were reviewed with the Board. The group discussed what a contract with transportation would look like and when a year long contract will be on the table. J. Lewis went over the demographics and academic data of SEED LA students including the curriculum that was adopted to support the academic data presented. R. Erving outlined how the afterschool program has been supporting students' academic growth. The group discussed the impact of enrollment as well as the pandemic learning loss. S. Echavarria spoke about the retention trends in other starting SEED cohorts and the importance of investing in the students that are present.

V. Update on Budget Discussion

- The group discussed the impact enrollment numbers have on the budget and the work being done to adjust the budget. A contingency plan was also discussed especially with regard to cash flow and recent developments. A. Landecker explained the details of the revolving loan program. In the next Board meeting, we will look into the budget as it is presented.

VI. Adjournment

- R. Stalford adjourns The SEED School of Los Angeles County Board of Directors at 2:03 pm.