

# **BOARD MEETING of THE SEED SCHOOL of LOS ANGELES COUNTY**

## **BOARD of DIRECTORS**

### **Meeting Minutes**

Thursday September 15, 2022

1:00 PM PST / 4:00 PM EST

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

#### **Attendance:**

##### *Directors Present*

Sophia Echavarria, Board Treasurer

Rod Hamilton

Jennifer Price-Letscher

Ruth Stalford, Board Chair

##### *Directors Absent*

Isabel Acosta, Board Secretary

Jackie Kimbrough

##### *Staff:*

Jubria Lewis, Head of School SEED LA

Randell Erving, Director of Student Life

Cendy Vides, Director of Family and Community Engagement

##### *Guests:*

Anita Landecker, CEO of ExED

Gihan Gunasekera, ExED

Neelura Bell, ExED

Allaire Tetrault, SEED Foundation

#### **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. Head of School Update**

- J. Lewis shared with the board the current enrollment number of 73 students and explained how we came to this number of students. C.Vides outlined the current recruitment strategies to boost enrollment numbers. R. Stalford also updated the board on the press and media coverage. The Board was then updated about the instructional culture of SEED LA's first few weeks, staffing progress, and academic testing for student learning growth. R. Erving outlined the afterschool programs students are involved in. The board discussed the support provided around roommate conflicts and the percentage of students at SEED LA who have IEPs.

**III. Update on Transportation**

- J. Lewis provided the board updates on SEED LA's transportation. The group discussed the challenges that have happened with transportation and what actions were taken to mitigate the situation. Given the difficulty of the buses, we are considering passenger vans. The group discussed the other contingency plans that have been worked out.

**IV. Discuss Overnight Security Budget Item**

- J. Lewis reviewed with the board the current overnight security and their scope of work suggesting that we have a broader budget conversation to consider a longer term contract with the security company if relevant.

**V. Closed Session: Pursuant to Section 54956.7 Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release**

- R. Stalford reported on the closed session, no action was taken and moved into open session.

**VI. Adjournment**

- R. Stalford adjourned the SEED School of Los Angeles County Board of Directors meeting at 2:18 pm.