Minutes
Board of Directors of Friendship Academy of the Arts
January 27, 2025

Location: Friendship Academy of the Arts (Intermediate Campus) 3320 East 41st Street, Minneapolis, MN 55406

Roll Call:

Board Members: Ananysia Joseph, Janice Phillips, Terrie Costello, Brenda Hill, Dr. Naimbi Jackson, Darlene Riley

Staff: Carr Kpanyor Jr., Dr. Charvez Russell, Elaina Cates, Verlon Laird, Kerry Kliman, Tyler Aliperto

Guests: Lia Grant, Charter Source; Cali Boeckmann, Creative Planning; Kelly Gutierrez, Charter Source

I. Call to order – Meeting called to order at 6:11pm– Ananysia Joseph

II. Agenda
Motion to approve amended agenda to include discussion of Pre-K and One Site Location Brenda Hill; Second Janice Phillips; approved unanimously.

III. Minutes for December 16, 2024, were reviewed.
Motion to approve minutes for December 16, 2024 Janice Phillips; Second Dr. Naimbi Jackson; approved unanimously.

IV. Financial Report
Financial Reports and Supplemental Financial Information for December 2024 were presented by Cali Boeckmann with Creative Planning.

Motion to approve December Financial Reports and Supplemental Financial Information Brenda Hill ; Second Darlene Riley; approved unanimously.

V. Executive Director's Report – presented by Carr Kpanyor Jr.

Mr. Kpanyor shared a Resolution to Approve Hennepin County School Recycling Grant Agreement and Verification of Signatory's Authority to Enter Agreement.

Motion to approve resolution and authorize Carr S. Kpanyor, Jr. as signatory to enter into grant agreement with Hennepin County School Recycling Janice Phillips; Second Dr. Naimbi Jackson; approved unanimously.

VI. Elections

Board member elections will be coming up for the 2025-26 school year. There will be approximately 6-8 seats open. Please consider continuation of current seats and any other potential members.

VII. Authorizer communication – Pilsbury has received verbal approval of Pre-K to the charter.

VIII. Contracts

IX. Committee Reports

a. Fundraising: Dr. Russell shared the fundraising report.
b. Marketing: The marketing committee met and has begun strategic planning for student recruitment. They will continue to follow the template/schedule/format included in the meeting book. Please reach out to Mr. Carr Kpanyor if you would like to schedule a time to read to students.
c. Governance: The Governance committee met and will plan to share the procurement policy at a future meeting.

X. Miscellaneous

Reminder to complete Board Training through CharterSource.

XI. Adjournment of Board Meeting

Motion to adjourn at 7:39 pm Brenda Hill ; Second Janice Phillips; approved unanimously. Next meeting is February 24, 2025 @ 6:00pm. This meeting will be held in person at 3320 East 41st Street, Minneapolis, MN 55406