



Endeavor Emergency Board Meeting Agenda: June 30, 2021

6:00 PM via Zoom:

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Present:

Board Member	Position	Committee	Term Start	Term Ending	Present
Amy Tharrington Start: 4/8/2019	Member	RDC	7/1/2019	6/30/2022	Yes
Jaelyn Parks Start: 4/8/2019	Member	RDC (Chair)	7/1/2019	6/30/2022	No
Bill Kroll Start: 5/19/2016	Chair	Finance	7/1/2019	6/30/2022	No
Chris DeRienzo Start: 2/23/2021	Member	Governance	7/1/2019	6/30/2022	No
Tracy DeMarco Start: 6/15/2017	Secretary	Governance (Chair)	7/1/2020	6/30/2023	Yes
Ashley Hicks Start: 6/15/2017	Member	RDC	7/1/2020	6/30/2023	Yes
Kim Keith Start: 5/25/2017	Vice-Chair	Governance	7/1/2020	6/30/2023	No
David Roy Start: 2/23/21	Member	Finance	7/1/2020	6/30/2023	Yes
Nick Cerullo Start: 3/19/2018	Member	RDC	7/1/2018	6/30/2021	Yes
Israa Kanfoud Start: 6/12/2018	Treasurer	Finance (Chair)	7/1/2018	6/30/2021	Yes
Dustin Embrey Start: 2/23/2021	Member	RDC	7/1/2018	6/30/2021	Yes

Call to Order:

Bill Kroll

- Tracy DeMarco called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m
- Mission Statement: Endeavor Charter School’s mission is to engage K-8 students by integrating a challenging, hands-on academic program with multi-faceted fine arts courses in a familial environment.
- Vision 2018: Endeavor Charter School’s vision is a community of educators and families working together to graduate students who are motivated and curious, capable and confident, and prepared to make a positive impact on the world around them.

Approval of Agenda:

Tracy DeMarco

- Tracy DeMarco moved to approve the June 30, 2021 Agenda. Israa Kanfoud seconded, and the Motion passed unanimously.

Finance Committee:

Israa Kanfoud

- Israa Kanfoud explained that the School will be transitioning its SWAP from BBVA Spain to PNC. He explained that BBVA US was acquired by PNC. Since the School's SWAP is with BBVA Spain, and BBVA Spain will maintain to formal relationship with the US entity, PNC offered to transition the SWAP at no cost to ECS.
 - **Israa Kanfoud moved to approved the transition of ECS's SWAP from BBVA Spain to PNC. Dustin Embrey seconded, and the Motion passed unanimously.**
- Israa Kanfoud next explained that Jay Saunders of KPM Financial will serve as the School's financial advisor for the SWAP transition. Jay has assisted the School with previous SWAPS, and his fee is \$2500.
 - **Israa Kanfoud moved to approve engagement of Jay Saunders of KPM Financial as financial advisor for the SWAP transition. Tracy DeMarco seconded, and the Motion passed unanimously.**
- Israa Kanfoud next explained that the School must approve engagement of Parker Poe as counsel on the SWAP transition.
 - **Israa Kanfoud moved to approved engagement of Parker Poe as counsel for the SWAP transition. Ashley Hicks seconded, and the Motion passed unanimously.**
- Israa Kanfoud stated that BCCG's June invoice for construction expenses is \$1,275,667.65. Israa stated that this amount is in line with the approved budget for the expansion project.
 - **Israa Kanfoud moved to approve payment of BCCG's June invoice for construction expenses in the amount of \$1,275,667.65. Tracy DeMarco seconded, and the Motion passed unanimously.**
- Finally Israa Kanfoud explained that the certain road improvement expenses (i.e., for constructing the turn lane and stop light at Burlington Mills and One World Way) that the School will incur are reimbursable by the Town of Wake Forest, but ECS will be responsible for initial payment. To memorialize the reimbursement agreement, the Board is required to approve a reimbursement contract with the Town of Wake Forest. Israa circulated the contract for the Board to review in advance of the meeting. The contract anticipates expenditures of \$127,956.62.
 - **Israa Kanfoud moved to approve the Reimbursement Contract with the Town of Wake Forest. Tracy DeMarco seconded, and the Motion passed unanimously.**

Building Completion Update:

Christi Whiteside

- Christi Whiteside reported that construction of the new building is progressing. Landscaping has begun, and BCCG is working to plant bushes around the soccer field. Most of the doors and windows are in place on the new building. Cabinetry is being installed. Bleachers have been installed in the gym. Whiteboards and bulletin boards have been installed in classrooms. Steps to new entrance are now complete.
- That said, construction of the building is behind schedule, largely due to the unprecedented rain this past winter, which resulted in 43 days of work that were impacted

by weather. BCCG has also faced delays from materials that were not delivered on time, as a result of a national backlog in building materials impacted by pandemic conditions.

- The School learned on Thursday that it is no longer a possibility that the new building will get its certificate of occupancy by July 9th as originally planned. The more likely date for a certificate of occupancy is now July 29th, which is the day after the 2021-2022 school year is currently scheduled to begin.
- The School came up with 8 different scenarios of how to address the delayed opening. Particularly given the challenges of the last two years as well as the significant number of new families joining ECS this year, the admin team believes that the best option is for everyone to start on the same day, which requires pushing back the first day of school. Christi explained that the School's main goals at the beginning of any year is to build community and protect education. It would be difficult to achieve either of those goals if the middle school were to open remotely, or in a way that way that did not involve a traditional school day. In addition, Christi noted that the School's budget is dependent on attendance for the first 20 days of School, and accordingly the School cannot risk attendance issues that may be likely if the School were to open in a non-traditional manner. In sum, Christi asked the Board to approve a delay in the first day of school by one week.
- Tracy DeMarco explained that even with the one week delay, there would be no need to extend the school year in June to make up the lost days. North Carolina law requires public schools to be in session for either 185 days or 1025 hours. ECS has always complied with the 185 days requirement, but it will easily meet the 1025 hour requirement with one less week of school. This change is also consistent with the number of school days in the Wake County school calendar (Wake County schools are in session for 177 days; the new ECS schedule will include 176.5 days). Tracy also noted that North Carolina's 185 day standard is tied for the highest of any state in the country. Most other states require 165-175 days of school.
- **Tracy DeMarco moved to approve delaying the first day of the 2021-2022 school year to August 4, 2021. Dustin Embrey seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.**

Adjournment:

Tracy DeMarco

- Tracy DeMarco adjourned the meeting at 6:42 p.m.