

**Orenda Charter Schools
Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 24, 2022 at 5:30 PM
Gateway College Prep School - Cafeteria
3360 Westinghouse Road, Georgetown, TX 78626**

Board Members in Attendance: Andrew Cottrill, President
Travis Graves, Vice President
Mick Swope, Secretary
Linda Turner, Member
Richard N. Rickey, Ex Officio

Administrative Attendees: Carla Silber, Superintendent/COO
Margina Escobar, Chief Financial Officer
Teresa Moreno, Director of Human Resources
Adam Price, Director of Community Relations &
Development
Tonya Lambert, Executive Assistant

Absent: Herman Matthews, Member

I. Welcome/Determination of Quorum/Call to Order/Introduction of Invited Guests

Andrew Cottrill called the meeting to order, on Monday April 18, 2022 at 5:33 pm at Gateway College Preparatory School.

II. Hearing of Citizens Who Desire to Come Before the Board

Parent, Elizabeth Cochran, spoke on agenda items VI. A and VII. A . Parent, Brandon Simon, spoke on agenda Items V. B and C, V. A, and VII. E.

III. **Action** on June 20, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes

Mick Swope motioned to approve the June 20, 2022 Boarding Meeting Minutes. Travis Graves seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

IV. Financial Reports

A. **Action** on OCS YTD Ending August 31, 2022 Financial Report

B. **Action** on OCS Cash & Investment Summary Report for YTD ending August 31, 2022

C. **Action** on OCS 2022-2023 Budget Amendments

D. Report on F.I.R.S.T. Rating

E. Report on Financial Key Targets

Chief Financial Officer, Margina Escobar, presented the Financial reports YTD ending August 31, 2022, OCS Cash & Investment Summary Report for YTD ending August 31, 2022 and OCS 2022-2023 Budget Amendments and Financial Key Targets were reported. Travis Graves motioned to approve the action items. Andrew Cottrill seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

F. Donations & Fund Raising Report for YTD ending August 31, 2022

Adam Price, Director of Community Relations & Development, reported on Donations &- Fund Raising for YTD ending August 31, 2022.

V. Academic and Instruction Reports

A. **Action** on 2022-23 New Horizons and Gateway Tech High Schools Calendar Revision, Community-Based Fine Arts

B. **Action** on District and Campus Improvement Plans

C. **Action** on Expansion Amendment with Waiver to add an additional campus and Non Expansion Amendment to change fiscal year end

D. Report on Academic Key Targets and 2022 Accountability Summary

Carla Silber, Superintendent, reported on the 2022-2023 New Horizons and Gateway Tech High Schools Calendar Revision, Community-Based Fine Arts, District and Campus improvement plans and Expansion Amendment with Waiver, and Non-Expansion Amendment. Linda Turner motioned to approve the action item, and Andrew Cottrill seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. Old Business

A. Update on High School Annex, Gateway School of Arts and Sciences, and Westinghouse Sportsplex

VII. New Business

A. Report on Gateway Prep and Gateway School of Arts and Sciences Traffic Study and Recommendations

B. Report of Pro Forma, Bond Financing and Funding Timelines for the Gateway School of Arts and Sciences

C. **Action** on Board Resolution requesting the guarantee of bonds through the Permanent School Fund Bond Guarantee Program and authorizing the administration to pursue bond financing

D. **Action** on Board Resolution authorizing a borrowing from the Newark Higher Education

Finance Corporation to finance educational facilities, approving the issuance of bonds and the execution and delivery of certain documents related thereto, and containing other matters related thereto

- E. **Action** on Board Resolution for reimbursements related to the construction of the Gateway School of Arts and Sciences and Gateway Prep HS Annex Buildings
Richard Ricky reported on the Board Resolution, bond financing, and reimbursements relating to the construction on the Gateway Annex.

Travis Graves motioned to approve the action items listed under new business. Mick Swope seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:52 PM.

NEXT MEETING January 16, 2023 @ 5:30 PM



Board Secretary

