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# WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES

UNIVERSITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF GOVERNORS

**Friday, August 23, 2024  
Large Conference Room**

**Members Present: Eric Fitzsimons, Carol Riggs, Justin Nelson, Tim Ulrich,  
Ryan Mayeda, Scott Williams, Jake Pierce, A.J. Roche, Frank Freeman,  
Amanda Widel (Faculty Rep)  
Staff Present, Jennifer Weaver, David Jones**

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## **9:00 A.M. Work Session**

### 1.0 CALL TO ORDER

- Call to order at 9:01

### 2.0 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

- MOTION TO ADOPT THE AGENDA - RYAN (CAROL) PASSED

### 3.0 ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

#### 3.1 CONFIDENTIALITY PRESENTATION

- WILLIAM BETHKE IS A LOCAL LAWYER WHO JOINS THE MEETING AND GIVES A PRESENTATION REGARDING CONFIDENTIALITY CONCERNS. HE BEGINS THE CONVERSATION BY REMINDING THE BOARD THAT THEY HAVE INFORMATION WITH BOTH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE OBLIGATIONS. HE THEN GIVES THE FOLLOWING PRESENTATION.

#### 3.2 BOARD SELF-EVALUATION & GOAL SETTING

- JENNIFER INTRODUCED A BOARD MEMBER SELF-EVALUATION CHECKLIST FROM THE LEAGUE OF CHARTER SCHOOLS. MEMBERS TOOK A MINUTE TO COMPLETE THE WORKSHEET. THEY THEN DISCUSSED STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES WITH A PARTNER, AND THEN PICKED A FEW ITEMS FROM THE WORKSHEET TO DISCUSS AS A WHOLE GROUP. MANY OF THE MEMBERS AGREED ON THE BOARD'S STRENGTHS, BUT THERE WAS MORE DIVERSITY IN THE WEAKNESSES. AFTERWARDS, MEMBERS DISCUSS THE BEST PRIORITIES TO FOCUS ON TO BOTH INCREASE STRENGTHS AND FIX POSSIBLE WEAKNESSES. SEVERAL SUGGESTED TO KEEP DOING SCHOOL VISITS AND MEETINGS WITH JENNIFER. OTHER SUGGESTIONS INCLUDED BRINGING THE BOARD UP TO SPEED ON CHARTER SCHOOL POLICIES, ATTENDING CONFERENCES AND BOARD TRAINING, AND MAINTAINING A GOOD RELATIONSHIP WITH THE LEAGUE OF CHARTERS.

- JENNIFER MENTIONS THE OCTOBER WORK SESSION AND SUGGESTS ADDING DISCUSSION REGARDING CHARTER POLICIES ALONG WITH THE ORIGINAL TOPIC OF CELL PHONE POLICIES. MEMBERS ALSO DISCUSS THE IMPORTANCE OF INTERNAL FUNDRAISING AND THE WAYS THE SCHOOL RAISES FUNDS. THE BOARD CREATES A GOAL TO BE BETTER ADVOCATES FOR THE SCHOOL'S FOUNDATION AND BUILD PARTNERS WITH AIMS AND UNC.

4.0 NEXT REGULAR MEETING – SEPTEMBER 11, 2024  
WORK SESSION - OCTOBER 25, 2024 (9-11)

5.0 ADJOURNMENT

- MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 11:05 - TIM (RYAN) PASSED