



GOODWIN UNIVERSITY EDUCATIONAL SERVICES, INC.

Meeting of the Board of Directors

November 13, 2024, at 4:00 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:02 p.m. by Se-Min Sohn.

Members present: Andy DiFatta, Frank Amodio, Greg Butler, James DeMorro, Jackie Jacoby, Julio Maturana, John Walters, Larry Goldberg, Lee Housley, Lionel Lessard, Lisa Wisniewski, Mary Ann Hanley, Molly Loudon, Mark Scheinberg, Marty Shea, Ron Buccilli, Richard Shechtman, Se-Min Sohn, Wilfredo Nieves, Kevin Armata

Members absent: Alvin Thompson, Ed Casares, Ethan Foxman, Jeffrey Hoffman, Judy Resnick, Michelle Bush, Merilee DeJohn, Ron Angelo, Ray Madorin, Donna Galluzzo, Martin D'Eramo, Megan Mehr

Staff present: Alyse Marion, Bryant Harrell, Dan Noonan, Eddie Meyer, Jean White, Michael Pardales, Missy Quinlan, Todd Andrews, Sal Menzo, Bobby DeCrescenzo, Mark McGovern, Danielle Wilken, Lexi Kaider

Guests: Catrina Elder, Tom Romagnoli (Downes Construction Company), Michael Scott (TSKP Studio)

2. Public Comment

No public comment.

3. Consent Agenda

Minutes of September 18, 2024 were reviewed by the Board as a group. Jackie Jacoby motioned to approve. Frank Amodio seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

4. New Business

a. Superintendent Update

Sal Menzo reminded the group that the first recruitment event for the new technical high school is the night of November 13 at the Annex. Over the course of the evening all schools will have interested families visiting. The next recruitment event will be December 5, and the lottery will open in the middle of December.

5. Business Requiring Action

a. GUES Resolution 24-10 – Appointing a New Member to the School Building Committee

Jackie Jacoby motioned to approve Resolution 24-10, which appoints Andy DiFatta to the School Building Committee. Wilfredo Nieves seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

b. GUES Resolution 24-11 – Approving Final Plans, Project Manuals and Professional Cost Estimate for the Phase 2 Construction Bid Package for the Magnet Technical High School

Richard Shechtman motioned to approve Resolution 24-11. Andy DiFatta seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Tom Romagnoli shared that Phase 1 is prepared for kick-off, having received building committee approval to mobilize and begin construction.

Michael Scott delivered a presentation to outline and share examples of submittals on the new technical high school, which included two volumes of drawings and 250 sheets of details, schedules, plans, elevations, and highly delineated specifications of various scopes of work, altogether culminating to over 1,400 pages – the largest set of documents put out on the building yet. In other positive news, the project has not changed much in scope since the last GUES Board meeting on September 18, 2024.

Tom Romagnoli explained that there are four different phases of the budget. The budget for Phase 1 has been approved, and that for Phase 2, the construction component, is the largest at \$81 million. For reference, Phase 3 and Phase 4 include technology, furniture, fixtures, and equipment. His team is currently in the process of budget reconciliation to reconcile about \$3.8 million through alternate solutions (i.e., without removing programmatic areas or other aspects of the building), and their goal is to approach the building committee in December with a fully reconciled budget. Note that there is a level of contingencies and allowances built in. He believes the market will be favorable when it is time to go out to bid. In regard to school security and safety, the building will be fully compliant with state guidelines and instruction as to how schools should operate. Sal Menzo added that there is grant funding that Goodwin University Magnet Schools is planning to utilize to address differences in security structures throughout the schools, and, as the System is no longer a part of LEARN, it now has its own School Security and Safety Plan.

6. Adjournment

John Walters motioned to adjourn the meeting at 4:29 p.m. Lee Housley seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting minutes recorded by Lexi Kaider.