

**ACADEMY FOR INTEGRATED ARTS
BOARD of DIRECTORS MEETING
MINUTES**

March 21st, 2024

4:30 p.m.

7910 Troost Ave., Kansas City, Missouri

Present: Lynne Brown, Member
Peter Brown, Member (Zoom)
Brad Epsten, Chairman
Cara Newell, Treasurer
Jennifer Waddell, Member

Also Present: Tricia DeGraff, Executive Director
Karren Colbert, Principal (Zoom)
Asha Moore, Assistant Principal
Tonya Richardson, MCPSC Program Director
Marisol Rodriguez, Insignia Partners
Stanley Taylor, School Smart KC

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Brad Epsten called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m.

II. COMMUNITY FORUM

The board will hear comments from community members. These comments may relate to any item on the agenda or other issues which need to be brought to the attention of the Board. Individual comments are limited to five minutes. Time allotted for the community forum will be fifteen minutes.

- Stanley Taylor from School Smart KC spoke about AFIA progress with team teaching.

III. FINANCIAL REPORT

- Budget Report-Cara Newell

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

- Approval of the minutes from the February 22nd, 2024 board meeting
- Approval of warrant list (check registry and purchasing card record)
- Approval of the financial report
- Approval of the human resources staffing report and recommendations

V. ACTION ITEMS

- Approval of amending the agenda for this board meeting to reflect that there was an Education Committee meeting held on March 12, 2024 (the original agenda incorrectly stated that the Education Committee did not meet).

- Approval of Marr & Company to conduct the annual audit, the Federal Single audit, the attestation of Selected Statistics, and to prepare the tax return for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2024.
- Approval of 2024 – 2025 Calendar

VI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

- Monthly Update-Tricia DeGraff

VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS/COMMITTEE REPORT

- Education Committee met March 14th, 2024
- Audit/Finance Committee met March 21st, 2024
- Governance Committee met March 19th, 2024

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- Tonya Richardson, Program Director, Missouri Charter Public School Commission presented the Annual Report to the board.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to enter into Executive Session: Peter Brown

Second: Cara Newell

Roll call on the motion:

Lynne Brown-yes

Peter Brown-yes

Brad Espten-yes

Cara Newell-yes

Jennifer Waddell-yes

Motion to Adjourn Executive Session: Jennifer Waddell

Second: Brad Epsten

Roll call on the motion:

Lynne Brown-yes

Peter Brown-yes

Brad Espten-yes

Cara Newell-yes

Jennifer Waddell-yes

Motion to resume Regular Session: Lynne Brown

Second: Peter Brown

Motion: 5-0

X. ADJOURNMENT

- “Go-around” Final Comments

Motion to Adjourn at 6:32 p.m.: Jennifer Waddell

Second: Peter Brown

Motion: 5 - 0

Next Board Meeting Date: April 25th, 2024

Respectfully submitted,



Emily Brown Secretary



Brad Epsten President