

**University Academy Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, November 15, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.**  
Mayerberg Hall, University Academy

Present: (6)

Mrs. Katie Kwo Gerson, Board Chairman  
Mrs. Shirley Bush-Helzberg, Secretary (*via Zoom @4:10 pm*)  
Mr. Paul Greenwood  
Mr. David Dickey, Treasurer  
Mr. LaRay Warrior (*via Zoom*)  
Mr. Bush Helzberg (*via Zoom @4:10pm*)

Absent: (1)

Mr. Jeron Ravin

**Call to Order and Roll Call**

Board Chair, Mrs. Katie Kwo Gerson called the board meeting officially to order at 4:03 p.m.

**Enrollment Report**

Mrs. Kellie Brady, Director of Enrollment, presented the Enrollment Report as it appeared in the Board packet. Currently we're at 1,102 students enrolled, with 13 of them virtual. Since the last Board meeting we've had 4 withdrawals. Graph included in the enrollment report shows various reasons for student departures. Saturday, Nov. 12, Show Me KC Schools held an open house fair along with UA's application window opening, we received 106 applications to date.

Board Chair, Mrs. Katie Kwo Gerson requested a motion to move to Consent Agenda Items.

**Motion:** Mr. David Dickey

**Second:** Mr. Paul Greenwood

**Vote:** 6-0 Unanimous approval: motion carries.

**Finance Committee Meeting and Financial Report**

Chief Financial Officer, Mr. Tyler Kemp reported for the month ended with \$43,892.00 gain. This time last year shows we were at a \$2.2 million loss. Our revenues are up this year by \$1.9 million. The first payment of \$1 million dollars from Funding inequity came through at the last week of October. Prop-C and transportation funding are up this year. The final audit report will be presented by Jennifer Schatzer with KMP. Audit report is attached.

**Operations Report**

Chief Operating Officer, Mr. Graff reports his employees of the month are Officers Troy Bennett and Deserie Perkins. The CrisisGo app that was recently implemented is up and running. Drill performed

earlier this week. By January 2023, the app will feature a student roster, notification of who's missing, safe, not safe, parent sign out, etc. Most sinks were installed as planned, with the expectation of a few due to plumbing and support issues that will be addressed during the Thanksgiving break. Interior signs to be completed before spring break. Proofs for exterior signs will be ready before winter break. Fall Sports finished well. Winter sports are well underway. This is the first year we'll have a girls wrestling team.

### **Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Rebecca Gudde reports, TFA were scheduled for a videotaping of our Green Fellow TF Alumni, it's now being pushed back to Nov. 30, 2022 due to scheduling. MSPCA updates attached.

**K-2** report- EOM is Counselor Katy Sanders. 116 of 272 students received a certificate for perfect attendance. Benchmark testing will resume after Thanksgiving break. Winter concerts will be in person this year.

**3-5** report- EOM is Counselor Chelsea Hagan. She leads the Girls on the Run here at UA. Teachers have submitted their goals for this year. Assembly held to recognize those on Principal/Honor roll.

**Middle school**- EOM is Nyree Young. Middle school counselor Ms. Faith Casel created a sensory room for student use. This room is a calm, safe place used for those who need a break and self-regulate.

Projects Green Dot, Project Lead the Way are in session.

**Upper school**-104 of our students recently took the ACT test, scores will be coming soon. Senior William Workcuff came up with the idea for the Trunk or Treat held Oct. 28 here at UA.

### **University Academy Foundation Report**

Sonja Shaffer reports-Study Abroad information night will be December 5, 2022. Deadline to apply is January 10, 2023. We have 35 internships offered. Today's campus visits with first year college students was at Missouri Western. Care packages (snacks, notes) will be packed by our current UA seniors here on campus. Mailed out after Thanksgiving break. The next Monday Mixer is scheduled for December 12 at 8080 Ward Parkway. Gala April 15, 2023, invite going out next week.

### **New Business**

2021-2022 Federal Compliance Audit presented by Jennifer Schatzer with KPM (report attached).

### **Special Topic**

Currently searching for 1-2 additional board members to join by spring 2023. List of potential prospects given. Will revisit this topic at the January 2023 board meeting. Board Chair, Katie Kwo-Gerson asked each board member to respond to this prompt, "What have we learned from COVID? What has the pandemic unearthed about what we do well, what we can do better, and how students and their families interact with schools? Are there deeper learnings about equity, education, and UA's role?"

Review of the Highly Effective Boards suggestions from the previous board audit.

### **Adjournment**

With no further business to come before the Board, Board Chair Mrs. Katie Kwo Gerson moved the Board to go into Executive Session to discuss Personnel items at 5:12 pm without objection.

Board Chairman Mrs. Katie Kwo Gerson requested that roll be taken for the Executive Session.  
Marion Epps took roll call:

**Present:**

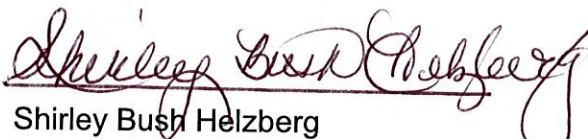
Katie Kwo Gerson, Board Chairman  
Shirley Bush-Helzberg, Secretary (Virtual)  
Paul Greenwood  
David Dickey, Treasurer  
LaRay Warrior (Virtual)  
Bush Helzberg (Virtual)

The Board discussed the audit.

Katie Kwo Gerson moved without objection back into General Session at 5:15pm.  
Roll call was taken.

Present-Shirley Bush Helzberg  
LeRay Warrior  
Bush Helzberg  
David Dickey  
Paul Greenwood  
Katie Kwo Gerson

General Session was adjourned at 5:15pm



Shirley Bush Helzberg