

# MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF EWING MARION KAUFFMAN SCHOOL, INC

10.24.2022

A special meeting of the Board of Directors of Ewing Marion Kauffman School, Inc., a Missouri nonprofit corporation exempt from federal taxation under Internal Revenue Code § 501(c)(3), was held at Andino's Restaurant, 171 Atwells Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island 02903, pursuant to public notice provided at least 24 hours in advance. The meeting was held in person.

Present for the meeting were Tracy McFerrin (Chair), Jerry Williams, Juan Rangel, Brett Hembree, Kelley Barnes and Corey Scholes (Vice Chair and Governance Committee Chair). Kristen Bechard could not attend.

Also present was the board's guest, Jason Brown, an alumni and member of the Ewing Marion Kauffman School's (EMKS) first fifth grade class. No other members from the community were present.

Ms. McFerrin chaired the meeting and served as acting secretary. Ms. McFerrin called the meeting to order at 6:45 pm, welcomed those in attendance, previewed the agenda, and expressed her appreciation for all taking special time out of their schedules to attend.

Ms. Scholes introduced the board's guest. Ms. Scholes told the board that Mr. Brown is a graduate of EMKS, a member of the school's very first class and is now a senior at Brown University.

Ms. McFerrin asked Ms. Scholes to say a few words to the board about how the trip to Providence came about as part of Ms. Scholes' role as Vice Chair and Chair of the Governance Committee. Ms. Scholes indicated that the trip was fulfilling the board's duty to engage in professional development and training. The trip is based on the Kauffman Foundation's "Great Schools Visit" program in which community members were invited to learn about the education ecosystem by visiting different types of schools across the country. She stated that the board will visit the Metropolitan Regional Career and Technical Center (MET), which was created nearly thirty years ago and is a highly regarded model for career and technology education and real world learning. Ms. Scholes reminded the board that the goal of the trip is to explore the education landscape in a broader context by seeing different types of school models, prompting discussion about the board's views about the current state of education in general, and to give the board an opportunity to learn, exchange ideas/perspectives and grow together. She mentioned that the board will also visit another school in Kansas City at a later date.

Ms. Scholes then facilitated a conversation between the board and Mr. Brown. Discussion ensued regarding Mr. Brown's experience while a student at EMKS and his experience currently as a university student.

The board expressed how thankful they were to have the opportunity to talk to Mr. Brown about his experiences. Discussion ensued around how the board could have more opportunities to connect with students and alums. Ms. McFerrin thanked Mr. Brown for taking the time and wished him well with his senior year. Ms. McFerrin also thanked Ms. Scholes for arranging the meeting and the trip for the board.

There being no further business or community members present, Ms. McFerrin adjourned the meeting at 8:01 pm.

Tracy McFerrin, Acting Secretary