



Atlas Board Meeting/Minutes

February 23, 2023
5 PM Central

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Board of Directors

Russ Kirk, Board President
Kwofe Coleman, Board Treasurer
Alice Dickherber, Board Secretary

Lorna Sanchez McClellan, Board Member
Mark Minden, Board Member
Scott Malin, Board Member

Meeting Notice

Notice is hereby given that the Atlas Public Schools Board of Directors will hold a digital board meeting on Thursday, February 23, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. To join by Zoom copy and paste the following URL in a web browser:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84286875548?pwd=TEVWWVWqWm85aWVJaTlKeU5RNnArOT09>

Any individual wishing to make a public comment must notify the Atlas Board Chairman via email at russ.kirk@atlaspublic.org by noon the day of the meeting. An individual has a maximum of three (3) minutes for its public comment(s).

The Board of Directors retains the right to return to a closed Executive Session for reasons permissible under Section 610.021 of the Missouri Revised State Statutes.

Our Mission: The mission of Atlas Public Schools is to educate the whole child by combining a rigorous academic program with authentic, real-world experiences so all students thrive in middle school, high school and beyond.

Our Vision: At Atlas we envision a time when all students in St. Louis have the skills and habits needed to be successful in the 21st century, and where St. Louis is heralded as a model of a flourishing, diverse, and empowered community. We believe that high quality public schools will be the catalyst for community transformation that will result in a thriving city.

Salutation

Board President: Russ Kirk, 5:00-5:05 pm

Call to Order + Roll Call + Welcome

Present: Russ Kirk, Kwofe Coleman, Mark Minden, Scott Malin, Colby Heckedorf.

Absent: Alice Dickherber, Lorna Sanchez-McClellan

Scheduled Public Comments

No Public Comments.

Minutes

- Review [MINUTES](#) from the January 10, 2023 Atlas Public Schools Board Meeting
- Review [MINUTES](#) from the January 26, 2023 Atlas Public Schools Board Meeting
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There were no questions, edits or comments for either of the two Board meeting minutes.

Board Chair Report

Board President Report: Russ Kirk: 5:05-5:15pm

- Review MCPSC's [Policy of Revocation](#) and [Closure Plan](#)
 - **Board was notified that each year the Board must review these two policies per our contract with the Missouri Charter Public School Commission.**
- Missouri Ethics Commission (MEC) Personal Finance Disclosure (PFD): Received written notification in late January and due by May 1, 2023 at 5 pm.
 - **Board was notified that each year members must complete this requirement. Scott has completed.**
- 2022-23 Board Retreat
 - Pick a date: June 13, 14 or 15. We will hold it this year and go with whatever members can make part or all of it.
 - Tentative timeline:
 - Team dinner the night before at Brasserie in CWE
 - Next day: start at 9am and end at 3pm

The Board was notified that there would definitely be a retreat this year. The Board decided to hold it on Wednesday, June 14, 2023. More to come.

Governance Committee Report

Governance Committee Chair: Alice Dickherber: 5:15-5:25pm

- Governance Committee [MINUTES](#) from February
- **Russ provided a read out with Alice away on business.**

Finance Committee Report

Committee Chair: Mark Minden: 5:25-5:35pm

- Finance Committee [MINUTES](#) from February
- **Mark provided a read out.**

January Financial Statements:

- [Summary of January Financials](#)
- [Cash Flow Statement](#)
- [Monthly Forecast](#)
- [Statement of Activities](#)
- [Bank Account Register](#)
- [Balance Sheet](#)
- [Bank Reconciliation](#)

Academic Oversight Committee Report

Committee Chair: Lorna Sanchez: 5:35-5:45 pm

- Academic Oversight Committee [MINUTES](#) from February
- Dwight Cato: candidate for Academic Oversight Committee (AOC)
 - Vote to appoint Dwight Cato to the Academic Oversight Committee

Russ moved to add Dwight Cato to the Academic Oversight Committee. Scott provided a second. Unanimously approved (Russ had Lorna's proxy).

Colby provided a read out of the AOC February with Lorna out on business.

Consent Agenda

Board President: Russ Kirk, 5:45-5:50pm

- Vote to approve the following discussed items:
 - **Governance:**
 - January Board Meeting Minutes
 - **Finance:**
 - January Financials & Bank Register

Kwofe moved to approve the consent agenda. Scott provided a second. Unanimously approved.

Executive Director Report

Executive Director: Colby Heckendorn, 5:50-6:15pm

- Enrollment & Attendance Update
 - Year to Date Average Daily Attendance through 2/21: 91.8%
 - February Average Daily Attendance through 2/21: 93.2%
 - [Recruitment Dashboard](#)

Colby stated that recruiting is going well with 88 applications to date.

- [Facilities Update](#)

Lindsay Richard provided an update of the beginning construction phase of Atlas' new school. Everything is going as planned. No issues to date. Two next steps are happening: steel for building reinforcement has been ordered and the second floor will catch up with the current status of the first floor so that the two floors will be constructed in concert.

Q&A + Announcements: 6:15-6:20 pm

- [Board of Directors' Meeting Schedule](#)

March Board meeting will be held on the 5th Thursday of the month vs. 4th as school is on spring break.

Motion to Adjourn: 6:20 pm

Kwofe moved to adjourn the meeting and Scott provided the second. Unanimously approved.

Russ Kirk, Board Chair