



## **Education Alliance Board of Directors Meeting MEETING MINUTES**

**June 24, 2019**

### **1. OPENING ITEMS**

#### **1.01 Call to Order**

The meeting of the Education Alliance Board of Directors was called to order at 4:10 p.m. in the 3rd Floor Conference Room of the Reno + Sparks Chamber of Commerce, 449 South Virginia, Reno, NV 89501.

#### **1.02 Roll Call**

President Dave Bianchi and members Kristen McNeill, Melissa Deadmond, Bill Fong, Brent Boynton, Jill Tolles, Landon Miller, Natha Anderson, Mariluz Garcia, Nanette Quitt, Ann Silver, Kris Layman, Bill Cathey, Joe Cline, Lauren Garfinkel, and Charles Pasillas were present at roll call.

Members Melissa Burnham, Mariah Evans, Kendall Inskip, Chris Morgan, Ben Rogers, Michelle Sanchez-Bickley, Eric Scheetz, John Slaughter, and Alex Woodley were absent at roll call.

#### **1.03 Public Comment**

There was no public comment at this time.

#### **1.04 Action to Adopt the Agenda**

**On motion by President Dave Bianchi, second by Kris Layman, the Education Alliance Board of Directors adopted the agenda with the following changes: move Item 3.04, 2019-20 Education Alliance Budget, from the Consent Agenda, to 4. Items for Discussion, Presentation, and/or Action, and remove Item 4.04, Legislative Update, until a future meeting.** The result of the vote was Unanimous: Pass (Yea: Kristen McNeill, Melissa Deadmond, Brent Boynton, Jill Tolles, Natha Anderson, Mariluz Garcia, Nanette Quitt, Ann Silver, Kris Layman, Bill Cathey, Joe Cline, Lauren Garfinkel, and Charles Pasillas.) Final Resolution: Motion Carries 14-0

### **2. REPORTS**

#### **2.01 PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Dave Bianchi thanked everyone for their service on the Executive Board, and thanked Michelle Sanchez-Bickley who is going back to regular board membership. President Bianchi thanked Reno + Sparks Chamber of Commerce for hosting the meeting.

## **2.02 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Dave Bianchi delivered the Report on behalf of Executive Director Kendall Inskip who has pneumonia. President Bianchi announced the Redfield Community Outreach Program Grant of \$298,000 will now flow through Education Alliance. President Bianchi shared the TMCC Jump Start report about how the Education Alliance grant of \$5,660 was used. 17 at-risk students used the funding to earn high school and college credit through the dual-credit program. President Bianchi announced the Inspiring Students with Educational Enrichment! (ISEE!) Program will receive \$8,500 in funding from Washoe County. The program is modeled after the Redfield Community Outreach Program and will serve 10 schools in the 89512 area code. As well, a webpage will be developed under Educator Resources to guide teachers through the process of booking educational field trips, choosing community partners that align with their curriculum, and arranging transportation.

President Bianchi shared the Run for Education sponsor form and encouraged board members to consider sponsoring the event through their company. President Bianchi mentioned the fundraising approach would be extremely focused this year. President Bianchi announced the 2019-20 board calendar, which includes six board meetings in August, September, November, January, March, and June, rather than ten meetings. Ten Executive Board meetings will still occur in months except December and July. Regular updates will be shared. Board meeting calendar invites will be sent after this meeting. President Bianchi introduced the Mutual Commitment Agreement and Board Member Profile and asked members to review, complete, and submit. President Bianchi shared the next board meeting on August 26 will be hosted at Truckee Meadows Community College Applied Technology Center.

## **2.03 MEMBER REPORTS**

No member reports were shared.

## **3. CONSENT**

### **3.01 Approval of Consent Agenda Items 3.02 through 3.03**

**On motion by Kris Layman, second by Ann Silver, the Education Alliance Board of Directors approved consent agenda item 3.02, Approval of the Minutes from the Meeting of the Education Alliance Board of Directors from May 20, 2019.** The result of the vote was Unanimous: Pass (Yea: Kristen McNeill, Melissa Deadmond, Brent Boynton, Jill Tolles, Natha Anderson, Mariluz Garcia, Nanette Quitt, Ann Silver, Kris Layman, Bill Cathey, Joe Cline, Lauren Garfinkel, and Charles Pasillas.) Final Resolution: Motion Carries 12-0

## **4. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION, PRESENTATION AND/OR ACTION**

### **4.01 Consideration and Approval of the Slate of Officers for the 2019-2020 Education Alliance Board of Directors: Dave Bianchi – President; Melissa Burnham – Vice-President; Eric Scheetz – Secretary; and Melissa Deadmond – Treasurer; Joe Cline**

**– P-16 Advocacy Liaison; Lauren Garfinkel – Member at Large; Charles Pasillas – Run for Education Liaison**

President Bianchi presented the 2019-2020 Education Alliance Board of Directors Slate of Officers.

**On motion by Dave Bianchi, second by Mariah Evans, the Education Alliance Board of Directors approved the Slate of Officers for the 2019-2020 Education Alliance Board of Directors: Dave Bianchi – President; Melissa Burnham – Vice-President; Eric Scheetz – Secretary; and Melissa Deadmond – Treasurer; Joe Cline – P-16 Advocacy Liaison; Lauren Garfinkel – Member at Large; Charles Pasillas – Run for Education Liaison.** The result of the vote was Unanimous: Pass (Yea: Kristen McNeill, Melissa Deadmond, Bill Fong, Brent Boynton, Jill Tolles, Landon Miller, Natha Anderson, Mariluz Garcia, Nanette Quitt, Ann Silver, Kris Layman, Bill Cathey, Joe Cline, Lauren Garfinkel, and Charles Pasillas.) Final Resolution: Motion Carries 14-0

**4.02 Consideration and Approval of the Appointment of Bill Fong to the Education Alliance Board of Directors for a term of 2019-2025, ending on June 30, 2025**

Dave Bianchi presented the appointment of Bill Fong to the Education Alliance Board of Directors for the term of 2019-2025, ending on June 30, 2025.

**On motion by Brent Boynton, second by Natha Anderson, the Education Alliance Board of Directors approved the Appointment of Bill Fong to the Education Alliance Board of Directors for a term of 2019-2025, ending on June 30, 2025.** The result of the vote was Unanimous: Pass (Yea: Kristen McNeill, Melissa Deadmond, Bill Fong, Brent Boynton, Jill Tolles, Landon Miller, Natha Anderson, Mariluz Garcia, Nanette Quitt, Ann Silver, Kris Layman, Bill Cathey, Joe Cline, Lauren Garfinkel, and Charles Pasillas.) Final Resolution: Motion Carries 14-0

**4.03 Consideration and Approval of the Appointment of Landon Miller to the Education Alliance Board of Directors for a term of 2019-2025, ending on June 30, 2025**

Dave Bianchi presented the appointment of Landon Miller to the Education Alliance Board of Directors for the term of 2019-2025, ending on June 30, 2025.

Nanette Quitt recognized Kendall for bringing impressive community members to the Board and expressed thanks to Landon Miller for his support of the Education Alliance as well as shared concerns regarding our professions and obligations to the Board and how Mr. Miller might manage challenges and potential conflicts of interest. Mr. Miller responded and expressed his passion for Education Alliance's mission and believes his skills can help our mission. He also stated he has thought a lot about this, spoken with his supervisors and would recuse himself if future situations as director pose a conflict of interest. Kris Layman spoke in favor of Landon Miller as did Jill Tolles and Brent Boynton.

**On motion by Joe Cline, second by Lauren Garfinkel, the Education Alliance Board of Directors approved the Appointment of Landon Miller to the Education Alliance Board of Directors for a term of 2019-2025, ending on June 30, 2025** The result of the vote was Unanimous: Pass (Yea: Kristen McNeill, Melissa Deadmond, Bill Fong, Brent Boynton, Jill Tolles, Landon Miller, Natha Anderson, Mariluz Garcia, Nanette Quitt, Ann Silver, Kris Layman, Bill Cathey, Joe Cline, Lauren Garfinkel, and Charles Pasillas.) Final Resolution: Motion Carries 14-0

#### **4.04 Presentation, Discussion, and Approval of the 2019 – 2020 Education Alliance Budget**

President Bianchi reviewed 2019-20 Budget updates and noted that the final actual numbers from last school year, 2018-19, will be provided later this fall. Ann Silver asked about Washoe K-12 Education Foundation to see if anyone on the Board knows about any charitable contributions to the Washoe County School District and perhaps explore opportunities collaborate or consolidate efforts. Eric Scheetz, Bill Cathey, and Kristen McNeill offered information about that foundation and President Bianchi suggested we meet with them.

**On motion by Melissa Deadmond, second by Eric Scheetz, the Education Alliance Board of Directors approved the 2019-2020 Education Alliance Budget** The result of the vote was Unanimous: Pass (Yea: Kristen McNeill, Melissa Deadmond, Bill Fong, Brent Boynton, Jill Tolles, Landon Miller, Natha Anderson, Mariluz Garcia, Nanette Quitt, Ann Silver, Kris Layman, Bill Cathey, Joe Cline, Lauren Garfinkel, and Charles Pasillas. Final Resolution: Motion Carries 14-0

#### **4.04 Update and Discussion on P-16 Advocacy Council District Comparator Initiative, where the Council is comparing data of the Washoe County School District against other school districts**

P-16 Advocacy Council Chair Joe Cline provided an update regarding the P-16 Advocacy Council white paper, including:

- Reviewing Nevada ACT results compared to other fifteen other school districts in the nation.
- School districts chosen based population, ELL students, parent income, parent educational obtainment, and racial diversity.
- Work product expected in August 2019.

Interim Superintendent Kristen McNeill shared with the group the new Washoe County School District designee on the Education Alliance Board on behalf of her as the Acting Superintendent will be Chief Academic Officer, Debra Biersdorff. Mrs. Biersdorff was unable to make this meeting but will be in attendance at future Board and Executive Board meetings.

**4.05 Presentation and Discussion of the 2019-20 Board Calendar/Business Meeting Timeline, the Board Member Mutual Commitment Agreement, and Profile Form**

President Bianchi explained in an effort to update our decades old board job description, the Board Member Mutual Commitment Agreement helps clarify roles between board members and staff. Additionally the Board Member Profile was created as an informational document to identify and assess each members' interests and preferences for our mission-driven initiatives and activities. President Bianchi also shared we would reducing our board meetings to six throughout the year rather than ten and asked if any board members had concerns. All directors had no questions or concerns regarding the two documents.

**4.06 Recognition of Outgoing Board Members – Bill Cathey and Mariah Evans**

President Bianchi made a statement of thanks for Bill Cathey and Mariah Evans for their service to the Education Alliance and presented mementos of appreciation. Alex Woodley will be recognized at a future board meeting since he was unable to attend.

**5. CLOSING ITEMS**

**5.01 Closing Comments by the Board President or Executive Director**

No closing comments were made.

**5.02 Announcement of Next Regular Meeting**

The next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 26, 2019, TMCC Pennington Applied Technology Center, 475 Edison Way, Room 270

**5.03 Public Comment**

There was no public comment given.

**5.04 Adjourn Meeting**

There being no further business, President Bianchi adjourned the meeting at 5:50 p.m.