



EDUCATION ALLIANCE OF WASHOE COUNTY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES



August 24, 2020

1. OPENING ITEMS

1.01 Call to Order

The meeting of Education Alliance Board of Directors was called to order at 4:00 p.m., via Zoom Conference Call per the Nevada State Governor's directives to abide by COVID-19 civil restrictions of not having public meetings in person.

1.02 Roll Call

President Eric Scheetz and Board members Dave Bianchi,, Brent Boynton; Kristine Brown; Joe Cline; Melissa Deadmond (4:22pm-late); Mariluz Garcia; Lauren Garfinkel; Kendall Inskip; Landon Miller; Chris Morgan; Michelle Sanchez-Bickley; and Jill Tolles were present at roll call.

Members Natha Anderson, Debbie Biersdorff, Melissa Burnham, Charles Pasillas were absent.

Staff included Brittani Haggarty.

1.03 Action to Adopt the Agenda

On motion by Landon Miller and with second by Dave Bianchi, Education Alliance Board of Directors approved the agenda as presented. Yea/Unanimous – Eric Scheetz, Dave Bianchi, Brent Boynton, Kristine Brown, Joe Cline, Mariluz Garcia, Lauren Garfinkel, Kendall Inskip, Landon Miller, Chris Morgan, Michelle Sanchez-Bickley, and Jill Tolles. Motion carries.

2.0 Public Comment - No public comment given.

2.01 Approval of the Minutes from the Meeting of the Education Alliance Board of Directors from June 22, 2020

On motion by Dave Bianchi and second by Chris Morgan, Education Alliance Board of Directors approved the June 22, 2020 Meeting Minutes.

Yea/Unanimous- Eric Scheetz, Dave Bianchi, Brent Boynton, Kristine Brown, Joe Cline, Mariluz Garcia, Lauren Garfinkel, Kendall Inskip, Landon Miller, Chris Morgan, Michelle Sanchez-Bickley, and Jill Tolles. Motion carries.

2.02 Consideration and Approval of the 2020-21 Bylaws, including update of the number of members to 17 and update on terms for Directors holding officer positions on the Executive Board (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

Secretary Lauren Garfinkel presented to the board an update to the Bylaws including, update of the number of Board of Directors members to 17 in 2020-21, and to amend the language of the terms for Directors holding officer positions on the Executive Board in order to allow Exec Board members to fully learn and understand their officer roles and to support secession planning and the overall stability and health of the organization. The officer positions will still be up for election annually in June but language would be amended to allow an extension of terms for officers as long as they hold a position on the Executive Board.

On motion by Chris Morgan and second by Lauren Garfinkel, Education Alliance Board of Directors approved the 2020-21 Bylaws, including update of the number of members to 17 and extension of terms for duly elected Directors holding officer positions on the Executive Board.

Yea/Unanimous – Eric Scheetz, Dave Bianchi, Brent Boynton, Kristine Brown, Joe Cline, Mariluz Garcia, Lauren Garfinkel, Kendall Inskip, Landon Miller, Chris Morgan, Michelle Sanchez-Bickley, and Jill Tolles. Motion carries.

2.03 Update and Discussion on the Structure, Programs, and Working Groups of the Education Alliance, as they pertain to the 2020-21 School Years

Kendall Inskip noted calendar invites for board meetings have been sent to all board members and will be hosted via ZOOM until further notice. She also asked Directors to check their Ed Alliance website board profiles to ensure information is accurate and updated, with headshots. Kendall also shared that the EA secretary resigned to go to a full-time WCSD job at a school. The position is open and interviews will be hosted soon.

2.04 Update and Discussion on the Distance Learning Laptop Drive (DLLD), including update on fundraising, sponsors, goals, and work with the Washoe County School District IT Department

Kendall began discussion with an overview of the DLLD report, including information on the date drive began, the number of students needing laptops who would benefit from the drive's efforts, and current funds raised of more than \$270k with 86 donors. 435 laptops and computers have been distributed by Reno Cigar Lions Club at almost all high schools. Partners include Washoe Education Association, Assistance League of

Reno-Sparks, and ITS Logistics as collection site and donor. There is also a new webpage dedicated for the DLLD on EA's website. WiFi and connectivity has been addressed by the WCSD. About 5,000 households are without Internet and WCSD is providing 6,000 hot spots for students in need as well as mobile smartbus units driving to neighborhoods in need. Eric Scheetz asked Kendall to share the roster of Run4Ed donors for board members to reach out to check in and ask if they are able to redirect their sponsorship to the DLLD. Eric also addressed EA being a 100% giving board, and the DLLD is an opportunity to support both initiatives.

2.05 Update and Discussion on the Activities of the P-16 Advocacy Council

Joe Cline reported on behalf of P-16 Chair Melissa Burnham, who is teaching a UNR class on Monday nights. P-16 made a commitment last spring to complete a research paper and it is currently under review and will be brought to the full Board at a future date. Principal findings include parent education as a big contributor to student success. Once finalized, the paper will be presented to Exec Board and Full Board with findings and possible recommendations for future action.

3. CLOSING ITEMS

3.01 Announcement of Next Regular Meeting

The next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 28th, 4:00 PM at a location and method of meeting to be determined based on the Governor's COVID-19 Response Directives.

3.02 Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business, President Eric Scheetz adjourned the meeting at 5:06 PM.

Eric Scheetz, President

Date