



TECH

Freire Charter School

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

March 8, 2017

Minutes

Place: 2221 N. Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19132

Board attendees: Dave Bryant, Dawn Eubanks, Bruce Lesser, Sakinah Rahman, David Shahriari, Scott Solomon

Other attendees: Bahshir Armstrong (student representative), Leigh Botwinik, Kelly Davenport, Gerald Escovitz, Matt Johnson, Tammy Khieu, Max Matthews, Laura McClinton, Johnny Mills, Julia Regan Fanelli, Ben Wainwright, Nasir Weaver (student representative), Lanora Wells

9:00 AM, meeting called to order.

I. Public Comment

- a. There was no public comment.

II. Review & Approval of Minutes from Board Meeting on February 1, 2017

- a. The Board reviews the minutes from its meeting on February 1, 2017.
- b. Bruce Lesser makes a motion to approve the minutes. Sakinah Rahman seconds. All in favor.

III. Temple Students Serve as Counselors at Charter School

- a. The Board reviews an article recently published in the Temple News highlighting Temple University graduate students working as counseling interns at TECH Freire.

IV. Development and Fundraising

- a. Leigh Botwinik reviews year-to-date fundraising progress. Leigh distributes copies of the Freire network's 2015-2016 Annual Report and notes that preparations for the annual Bridge to Wisdom fundraising gala, which will take place on Wednesday, May 10, 2017, are underway.

V. Financials

- a. January 2017 Financial Package
 - i. Ben Wainwright reviews TECH Freire's financial report for January 2017. Ben notes that TECH Freire was informed last month that its capitation rate from the School District of Philadelphia was being retroactively reduced for the 2016-2017 school year, and reviews the financial implications of this change.
- b. Movement of Grant Funds
 - i. Tammy Khieu reviews a memo regarding grant funds that are currently available for TECH Freire and recommending that TECH Freire's Board vote to authorize the transfer of those funds from the Freire Foundation to TECH Freire Charter School.

- ii. David Bryant makes a motion to authorize the transfer of the specified grant funds from the Freire Foundation to TECH Freire Charter School. Bruce Lesser seconds. All in favor.

VI. Governance

- a. New TECH Freire Board Member, Matt Johnson
 - i. Matt Johnson, a prospective new member of the Board of Directors, introduces himself to the Board.
 - ii. David Bryant makes a motion to elect Matt Johnson to the Board of Directors of TECH Freire Charter School. Sakinah Rahman seconds. All in favor.
- b. New TECH Freire Board Member, Lanora Wells
 - i. Lanora Wells, a prospective new parent member of the Board of Directors, introduces herself to the Board.
 - ii. Bruce Lesser makes a motion to elect Lanora Wells to the Board of Directors of TECH Freire Charter School. David Bryant seconds. All in favor.
- c. TECH Freire Board Secretary
 - i. The Board notes that Bruce Lesser is stepping down from his role as Secretary of the Board of Directors of TECH Freire Charter School, but will remain a member of the Board.
 - ii. Bruce Lesser nominates Dawn Eubanks for the position of Secretary of the Board of Directors. David Bryant seconds the nomination. All in favor.
- d. TECH Freire Board Treasurer
 - i. The Board notes that David Bryant is stepping down from his role as Treasurer of the Board of Directors of TECH Freire Charter School, but will remain a member of the Board.
 - ii. Bruce Lesser nominates Sakinah Rahman for the position of Treasurer of the Board of Directors. David Bryant seconds the nomination. All in favor.
- e. Resolution to Authorize PDE Contract Execution by CEO
 - i. Max Matthews introduces a resolution authorizing Dave Shahriari in his role as CEO of TECH Freire Charter School, to execute contracts between the school and the Pennsylvania Department of Education.
 - ii. Bruce Lesser expresses a concern about the breadth of the resolution, and recommends modifying the resolution to limit the authority it grants the CEO specifically to contracts related to applying for and receiving federal funds.
 - iii. David Bryant makes a motion to adopt the resolution with the modification recommended by Bruce Lesser. Sakinah Rahman seconds. All in favor.
- f. Statements of Financial Interest
 - i. The Board reviews the Statement of Financial Interests forms that all Board members are required to complete annually.
- g. Slate of Staff
 - i. Dave Shahriari reviews an updated Slate of Staff for TECH Freire Charter School, noting that the Board of Directors has final authority over hiring and terminations, and so must review and vote on all changes to the slate of staff since its last review.
 - ii. Sakinah Rahman makes a motion to approve the Slate of Staff. David Bryant seconds. All in favor.

VII. School Report

- a. School Update
 - i. Dave Shahriari, Bahshir Armstrong, and Nasir Weaver update the Board on the progress of TECH Freire's operations, noting that the third academic quarter is underway and the admissions lottery for the 2017-2018 school year has taken place.
- b. Update from Staff Member
 - i. Dave Shahriari introduces Laura McClinton, who is the Director of Students and Family Counseling at TECH Freire. Laura discusses her role at TECH Freire and the school's counseling program with the Board.

VIII. Executive Session

- a. The Board enters executive session to discuss compliance issues. The Board holds an executive session from 10:12 AM until 10:50 AM.

10:50 AM, meeting adjourned.