



GOVERNING COUNCIL

Regular Meeting of the Southwest Preparatory Learning Center Governing Council on

Thursday, September 28, 2023

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Xavier Chavez, DeEtte Peterson, Jessica Garcia (Late) and Chris Ortiz

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Alissa Mavridis

ALSO, IN ATTENDANCE

Jonas Cossey and Jennifer Vigil

PUBLIC

None

Note - Governing Board members visually raised their hand when saying, "All in Favor" when voting and during roll calls.

These minutes were approved on: October 19, 2023.

By a vote of 3 yes no 2 absent abstained

Chris Ortiz President

Xavier Chavez Secretary

Prepared By: Jennifer Vigil

I. Call to Order

By Chris Ortiz

Thursday, September 28, 2023, at 5:02 PM

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Meeting was held via Zoom and hosted by Jonas Cossey

A. Roll Call

Jennifer Vigil called DeEtte Peterson, Jessica Garcia, Chris Ortiz, Alissa Mavridis, and Xavier Chavez.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Chris Ortiz

C. Adoption of the Agenda*

Motion by Chris Ortiz to ADOPT the agenda from September 28th.

Seconded by Xavier Chavez

Carried All in Favor

D. Adoption of the minutes from August 17, Regular Meeting*

Motion by Chris Ortiz to ADOPT the minutes from August 17th, Regular Meeting.

Seconded by DeEtte Peterson

Carried All in Favor

II. Public Comment (2 minutes per individual with the right to allow more time from the Governing Council President)

A. Parental Advisory Committee for SY 2023-2024

1. Jonas Cossey reported that SPLC is seeking parent advisory council members. No one from the public was present to comment.

III. Governing Council Committee Reports

A. Finance Committee (Committee met September 28, 2023, at 4:30 pm)

DeEtte Peterson stated that the finance committee reviewed all the funds and functions in our budget. Our SEG is tied to SPLC's enrollment and that can increase or decrease. Also, Jennifer is going to be presenting a BAR to clean up some negative functions, so we are in compliance with PED Quarterly reporting. We are still waiting for our PSCOC award letter. Lastly, we have some professional development funding for teachers and Jonas to attend trainings that can benefit SPLC.

1. Budget Adjustment Requests*

a. SPLC-530-000-2324-0001-T

Jennifer went over our Transfer bar for our operational funds. This budget adjustment request is moving budget from one function to another to adjust for anticipated expenses.

Motion by Chris Ortiz to APPROVE the Budget Adjustment Request for BAR #530-000-2324-0001-T.

Seconded by Xavier Chavez

Carried All in Favor

B. Audit Committee

Chris Ortiz let the board know that the audit committee has not met and there is nothing to report.

C. Strategic Planning Committee

Chris Ortiz let the board know that the strategic planning committee will be working with Jonas to see how they are able to assist with rechartering and other tasks. They would like to be more involved with SPLC's day-to-day operations.

D. Ethics Committee

Xavier Chavez noted that the ethics committee has no ethical concerns or complaints at this time.

IV. Governing Council Discussion Items

A. Governing Board Training Update

Chris Ortiz stated that trainings are starting. The board can either receive the required trainings in-person or online (virtual). The trainings must be completed by the end of the fiscal year.

B. Recruitment

Jonas let the board know that he is actively looking for new board members. Nothing promising yet, but he is actively looking.

V. Head Administrator Report

A. Charter Renewal Application*

Jonas Cossey let the board know that he is working with the consultant to finish up the charter renewal application. They are getting the final pieces together for submission. Jonas asked the board for approval to submit the charter school renewal application.

Motion by Chris Ortiz to give Jonas APPROVAL to submit the Charter Renewal Application on Monday.

Seconded by Xavier Chavez

Carried All in Favor

B. Staffing

Jonas let the board know that all teacher vacancies are filled.

C. Enrollment

Jonas let the board know that SPLC's enrollment is up slightly. We have a couple of tours lined up for potential students.

D. Academics

No update on academics.

E. Site Visit

Jonas Let the board know that SPLC's site visit is on Friday, October 6th.

Prepared By: Jennifer Vigil

F. Evaluation System

Jonas stated that this is more of an internal matter. However, SPLC opted out of Elevate. SPLC is creating our own evaluation system that is more user-friendly.

G. Gifted Council

Jonas stated that there are new qualifications for gifted students. As more information is available to schools, he will continue to update the board and SPLC's staff.

H. Black Education Act

Jonas let the board know that the Black Education Act may require more trainings for staff and administration. They want to make sure that all school staff can teach black.

VI. New Business Matters

A. Next Regular SPLC Governing Council Meeting-October 19th, 2023, at 5:00pm*

Motion by Chris Ortiz

Seconded by Xavier Chavez

Carried All in Favor

VII. Adjournment* 5:55 pm

Motion by Chris Ortiz

Seconded by Xavier Chavez

Carried All in Favor

Note: * Indicates Action / Approval Item

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