

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE EL PASO LEADERSHIP ACADEMY**

August 1, 2023

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors (the "*Board*") of the El Paso Leadership Academy, a Texas non-profit corporation (the "*Company*"), was held August 1, 2023 at 12:00 pm at the EPLA Academic Revolution Center, 5919 Brook Hollow, El Paso, Texas.. Matt Kerr, President of the Board, served as chairman and presided over the meeting and took notes of the meeting in the absence of Allan Lindstrom, Secretary who is presenting the following summary of the minutes of the meeting.

First Item of Business: Call to Order. The Chairman called the meeting to order at 12:15 pm, and it was determined that a quorum, consisting of the majority of directors of the Company, was present and ready for the transaction of business. The following directors were present: Matt Kerr, Soledad Bascoco, Toni Mizdal, Erin Coulehan, and Manny Jemente.

Staff in Attendance: Omar Yamar, Arielle Behar, Debbie Betancourt, and Helen Jones

Others in Attendance: Kati Burke

Second Item of Business: Open Forum. No one was present for the Open Forum.

Third Item of Business: Board Nominations. The following Board leadership nominations were announced: President – Toni Mizdal, Secretary – Allan Lindstrom, Treasurer – Matt Kerr. The Vice-President nomination remains open. A vote to approve the nominations will take place at the August Board meeting.

Fourth Item of Business: Finance. Kati Burke, Charter School Success, presented the Finance Report Update through the month of June including performance relative to Charter First metrics. The Board also engaged in a preliminary discussion regarding the 2023-2034 budget

Fifth Item of Business: Recruitment. Diane Jones and Omar Yanar updated the Board on the current 2023-2024 student enrollment numbers. A total of 775 students are currently enrolled. Mr. Yanar expects total enrollment at the beginning of the school year to approximate 850 which is the enrollment estimate that has been submitted to the Texas Education Agency.

Executive Session. According to a Motion by Soledad Bascoco and a second by Toni Mizdal which was approved unanimously by the following: Bascoco – Yes, Mizdal – Yes, Jemente – Yes, Coulehan – Yes, and Kerr- Yes, the Board retired into Executive Session to deliberate over the CEO offer.

Following deliberation, the board exited the Executive Session according to a motion by Manny Jemente and a second by Erin Coulehan which was approved unanimously by the Board as follows: Mizdal – Yes, Bascoco – Yes, Jemente – Yes, Coulehan – Yes, and Kerr – Yes.

The CEO offer letter was approved in regular session by a motion by Erin Coulehan and a second by Manny Jemente followed by a unanimous approval vote as follows: : Mizdal – Yes, Bascoco – Yes, Jemente – Yes, Coulehan – Yes, and Kerr – Yes

Seventh Item of Business: CEO Report. Mr. Yanar gave an update on student retention.

Eighth Item of Business: Meeting Adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 1:54 pm by a motion by Toni Mizdal and a second by Manny Jemente and was approved by all Board members..

The next general meeting of the EPLA Board of Directors will be held on August 29, 2023 at 12:00 pm at the EPLA Academic Revolution Center, 5919 Brook Hollow, El Paso, Texas.

Allan Lindstrom, Secretary