



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF
AMERICA CAN!
AND
TEXANS CAN ACADEMIES
CHARTER SCHOOLS
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
DECEMBER 17, 2020**



The Board of Trustees of America Can!™ DBA Texans Can™ Academies met December 17, 2020 via video-conference with the following in attendance:

Trustee’s Present

Rudy Oeftering
Regina Thompson
Anna Torres
Michael Casey

Trustee’s Absent

Robert Nelson

Staff Present

James Ponce
Cynthia Miles
Dan Cahalen
Fernando Marino
Joseph Mena
Malcolm Wentworth

Marian Hamlett
Norma Allen
Pam Carroll
Raul Machuca
Richard Pena
Scott Barrow

- I. Call To Order and Report, Rudy Oeftering, Chairman 5:37 p.m.
- II. Trustee Regina Thompson gave a report on items covered during Governance Committee meetings.
- III. Consent Agenda Items
 - A. The Board of Trustees of America Can! approves the minutes of the meetings held on November 9, November 12 and November 19, 2020.
 - B. Department Updates: Education, Development, Facilities, Human Resources, Marketing, Real Estate and Insurance, Business Solutions, Technology.

Trustee Regina Thompson moved and Trustee Michael Casey seconded the motion to approve the Consent Agenda Items. The motion passed unanimously.
- IV. Non Consent Agenda Items
 - A. Superintendent’s Report
 - 1. Dr. Ponce showed a video of the CBS National Thanksgiving Segment at Dallas North Campus.
 - 2. Dr. Ponce presented an overview of the Charter Renewal Application.
 - 3. Trustee Anna Torres moved and Trustee Penny Rayfield seconded the motion to approve the Charter Renewal Application due January 11, 2021. The motion passed unanimously.
 - B. TEA Monitor Report
 - 1. The TEA monitor gave a brief update on the monitors’ activities.
 - C. Education Report
 - 1, 2, and 3. Cynthia Miles presented reports regarding Testing for EOC STAAR December Administration, Efforts to Increase district Wide Engagement, and Discontinuing Remote Instruction For Individual Students
 - 4. Trustee Penny Rayfield moved and Trustee Michael Casey seconded the motion to approve the Local Alternative Requirements for Graduation for Students who Entered 9th Grade Before the 2011-12 School Year. The motion passed unanimously.
 - D. Finance Report

1. Financial Report for the period ending August 31, 2020
2. Action item:
 - a. Trustee Regina Thompson moved and Trustee Michael Casey seconded the motion to approve the August 31, 2020 Unaudited Preliminary Financial Statements. The motion passed unanimously
 - b. The approval of the following individuals to sign contracts and therefore obligate Texans Can Academies: James Ponce – Unlimited; Marian P. Hamlett – up to \$50,000 was tabled until the January meeting.
 - c. Trustee Michael Casey moved and Trustee Penny Rayfield seconded the motion to approve the request to change Texans Can’s fiscal year end to June 30. The motion passed unanimously.
 - d. Trustee Regina Thompson moved and Trustee Michael Casey seconded the motion to approve the request to renew the interlocal agreement with Region 10 Education Service Center in order to purchase student nutrition inventory at a reduced price. The motion passed unanimously.

E. Development Report

1. Dan Cahalen gave a presentation on the College, Career, and Military Readiness (CCMR) program.
2. Trustee Penny Rayfield moved and Trustee Anna Torres seconded the motion to approve the innovative Optical Technician I & II course provided to our Fort Worth – Westcreek students, through the Dr. Gayle Y. Daniels, OD, Daniel Migael Foundation, Inc. (Eye Tech Academy) beginning with the Spring Semester (Term 3 & 4) and thereafter. The motion passed unanimously.

F. Media Report

1. Raul Machuca gave a presentation on Student Enrollment Display Ads (Return2Learn).

G. Technology Report

1. Richard Pena made a presentation on Network Security Initiatives.

H. Business Solutions

- 1, 2, and 3. Fernando Marino gave presentations on the Public Education Information Management System (PEIMS), hiring new Compliance Officers and Student Attendance.

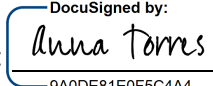
V. The Chairman closed the meeting at 7:32 p.m. to discuss personnel matters.

VI. The Chairman reconvened the meeting at 8:02 p.m. There was no vote taken

VII. Public Forum. There were no speakers.

VIII. The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 8:02 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Leelynn Montes.

Approved by: 
Anna Torres, Secretary of the Board