



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF
AMERICA CAN!
AND
TEXANS CAN ACADEMIES
CHARTER SCHOOLS
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MAY 20, 2021**



The Board of Trustees of America Can!™ DBA Texans Can™ Academies met on May 20, 2021 via video-conference with the following in attendance:

Trustee's Present

Rudy C. Oeftering, Chair	Penny Rayfield
Chaundra Smith-Adams	Regina M. Thompson
Gloria Delgado	Richard Evans
John Hernandez	Robert Nelson
Linda K. von Quintus	Thalia F. Matherson
Michael T. Casey	

Staff and Other's Present

James Ponce	Marian Hamlett
Cynthia Miles	Norma Allen
Dan Cahalen	Raul Machuca
Fernando Marino	Isabel Salazar
Hilda Salguero	Evian Gonzalez
Joseph Mena	Susan Tim
Steven Schafer	Molly Cordeau
Rich Nichols	

- I. Chairman Rudy Oeftering called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. and introduced Isabel Salazar, Principal of Fort Worth – Lancaster. Ms. Salazar introduced her student Evian Gonzalez, who welcome everyone and gave a brief presentation of her reasons for attending the Fort Worth Can Academy.
- II. Governance Committee Report, Regina Thompson, Chair
 - A. Governance Chair Regina Thompson reviewed the proposed changes to the bylaws. Trustee Robert Nelson moved and Trustee Michael Casey seconded the motion to approve the changes to the bylaws. The motion passed unanimously.
- III. The Chairman introduced the Honorable Juan Jasso who administered the Officers Statement and Oath of office to the new Trustees.
- IV. Consent Agenda Items
 - A. Trustee Robert Nelson moved and Trustee Thalia Matherson seconded the motion to approve the consent agenda items. The motion passed unanimously.
- V. Non Consent Agenda Items
 - A. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Ponce gave an overview of the Continuous Improvement Plan (CIP) and introduced Hilda Salguero who presented a more detailed presentation of the CIP.
 - B. Dr. Tims informed the new Trustees that each month the three monitors submit reports to TEA and going forward, based on the Charter Division's conditions, each of them will focus on a particular area. Dr. Cordeau will be taking on the special populations, Dr. Hayes will cover curriculum and testing, and Dr. Tims will take on the implementation by Texans Can of the improvement plan as well as monitoring the governance which is the Board. Dr. Tims will attend all Board training, Board meetings, all committee meetings, and all will be reported.
 - C. Education

Cynthia Miles reported that two new evaluations systems are being implemented next school year, the TPESS FOR Principals and the T-TESS for teachers. She also reported on the implementation of a master calendar that is being used to schedule everything and is being shared with the entire organization.

Joseph Mena asked for approval of the Credit by Examination Assessments which were reported on at

the last meeting. Trustee Richard Evans moved and Trustee Regina Thompson seconded the motion approve the Purchase and Use of Credit by Examination Assessments from Texas Tech University and the University of Texas at Austin. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Mena asked for approval of the Technology and Instructional Materials Allotment Certification Form. Trustee Thalia Matherson moved and Trustee Robert Nelson seconded the motion to approve Submission of the Technology and Instructional Materials Allotment (TIMA) Certification Form. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Finance

Marian Hamlett reported that Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief III (ESSER) has been awarded in three rounds. Last year the state used the funds to supplant their budget and cover the hold harmless for the drop in attendance. We have received the ESSER three round which is \$12 million. It will be used to pay back the non-reimbursed expenses brought on by the pandemic, i.e., technology, safety and security, and moving to the distance learning platform. Also it will be used for facility upgrades and 20% is required to be set aside for learning loss.

Trustee Richard Evans moved and Trustee Penny Rayfield seconded the motion to approve (a) the April Financials and (c) the reduction of the staff work schedule. The motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Robert Nelson moved and Trustee Chaundra Smith-Adams seconded the motion to table the action item approving the Local Purchasing Policy. The motion passed unanimously

E. Facilities 1:31:36

Scott Barrow explained the lease of the school building located in Garland, noting the SUP was approved by the City of Garland on March 3, 2021 and the long-term lease commences on July 1, 2021 and expires on June 30, 2024.

He then reported that the contract with Allied Universal Security Service will be amended to have the security officers to provide Covid screening services and to provide the officers a minimum of \$15 per hour to minimize turnover.

F. Human Resources

Norma Allen reviewed the updated legal policies and demonstrated the Board Policy Navigator, noting the policies will be placed on the agenda for approval at the next meeting.

G. Business Solutions

Fernando Marino updated the Board on the Compliance Unit's activities and presented the school calendars for the 2021-2022 school year for approval.

Trustee Linda von Quintus moved and Trustee Richard Evans seconded the motion to approve the 2021-2022 School Calendars. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. There was no need for an Executive Session

VII. No Executive Session was called

VIII. There were no public speakers

IX. The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 7:49 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Leelynn Montes.

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