



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
OF  
AMERICA CAN!  
AND  
TEXANS CAN ACADEMIES  
CHARTER SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
AUGUST 12, 2021**



The Board of Trustees of America Can!™ DBA Texans Can™ Academies met August 12, 2021 via video-conference with the following in attendance:

**Trustee’s Present**

Rudy Oeftering  
Chaundra Smith-Adams  
Gloria Delgado  
Linda von Quintus  
Penny Rayfield  
Regina Thompson

Richard Evans  
Robert Nelson  
Thalia Matherson  
John Hernandez  
**Trustee’s Absent**  
Michael Casey

**Staff/Guests Present**

James Ponce  
Marian Hamlett  
Richard Pena  
Joseph Mena  
Stacy Venson  
Dan Cahalen

Cynthia Miles  
Norma Allen  
Scott Barrow  
Fernando Marino  
Raul Machuca  
Rich Nichols

Susan Tims  
Sonia Mata-Lozano  
Rachel Arcaute  
Rawley Sanchez  
Kimberly Aguilar  
Lew Blackburn

- I. Chairman Rudy Oeftering called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.
  - II. Houston Hobby Principal, Rawley Sanchez introduced student Kimberly Aguilar who gave the evening’s welcome.
  - III. Governance Committee Chair Regina Thompson did not have a report but anticipates meeting next month.
  - IV. Finance Committee Chair Michael Casey was not present.
  - V. Education Committee Chair Robert Nelson reported on their recent meeting that focused on Covid 19, student engagement, and teacher training.
  - VI. Consent Agenda Items
    - A. Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on June 24, 2021.
    - B. Contracts
      1. Approval of the Purchase of Evaluations for Special Education and Related Services
      2. Approval of the Purchase of Resource Materials from Newsela
      3. Approval of the Purchase of Textbooks and Resource Materials from SAVVAS
      4. Approval of the Purchase of Textbooks and Materials from Perfection Learning
      5. Approval of Emergency Contract for Mid-West Building Maintenance Inc.
      6. Approval of iCan Return (Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan)
- Dr. Ponce requested the Chairman pull item number 6. Trustee Penny Rayfield moved and Trustee Robert Nelson seconded the motion to pull item number 6.

Trustee Robert Nelson moved and Trustee Thalia Matherson seconded the motion to approve the consent agenda items 1 through 5. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Ponce asked for the following amendments to be added to the iCan Return Plan

1. Remote Conferencing which is a mechanism where remote instruction can be provided with two requirements: the student is unable to attend because of a temporary medical condition and the amount of remote instruction do not exceed 20 instructional days over the year. And one additional requirement must be met, the students’ temporary medical condition is documented by a physician licensed to practice in the United States and the document must include a statement from the physician that the student is to remain confined in the home or the hospital. The student has a positive test result of a communicable condition as in the Texas Administrative Code 97.7 but the student as having been identified in close contact with Covid 19.
2. Allow K-12 COVID-19 testing as part of our ways to protect and document that a child is eligible for remote conferencing.
3. Allow the requirement of masks in all Texans Can Academies.

Trustee Gloria Delgado moved and Trustee Richard Evans seconded the motion to approve the iCan Return plan with the addition of amendments 1, 2, and 3. The motion passed unanimously.

VII. Non-Consent Agenda Items

A. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Ponce reported on the Recruitment to Impact Enrollment and the Opening of School.

B. TEA Conservator Report

Dr. Susan Tims explained the rolls of each of the three conservators.

C. Education Action Items:

a. Approval of the Texans Can Academies 2021 – 2022 Student Handbook

Trustee Penny Rayfield moved and Trustee Chaundra Smith-Adams seconded the motion to approve the 2021 – 2022 Student Handbook. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Finance Action Items:

a. Approval of June 30, 2021 Investment Report

Trustee Regina Thompson moved and Trustee Richard Evans seconded the motion to approve the June 30, 2021 Investment Report. The motion passed unanimously.

E. Human Resources:

Norma Allen reported on campus staffing.

F. Business Solutions

Fernando Marino gave a brief report on the compliance departments activities.

VIII. The Chairman called for an Executive Session at 8:15 p.m.

IX. The Chairman reconvened Open Session at 8:40 p.m. Trustee Robert Nelson moved and Trustee John Hernandez seconded the motion to instruct staff and the attorney to proceed with the personnel matters discussed. The motion passed unanimously.

X. There were no public comments

XI. The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 8:42 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Leelynn Montes.

*Robert Nelson*

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary of the Board

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