



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF
AMERICA CAN!
AND
TEXANS CAN ACADEMIES
CHARTER SCHOOLS
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SEPTEMBER 9, 2021**



The Board of Trustees of America Can!TM DBA Texans CanTM Academies met September 9, 2021 in person and via video-conference with the following in attendance:

Trustee's Present

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

Richard Evans
Robert Nelson
Thalia Matherson
Michael Casey
Regina Thompson

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
Rachel Arcaute
Susan Tims
Fred Hayes
Nunez
Monica Jaloma
Travis Whisenant
Rich Nichols

- I. Chairman Rudy Oeftering called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. He informed the Board members that Trustee John Hernandez has resigned from the Board.
- II. The Chairman introduced Dallas North Principal and Juan Arciga who welcomed everyone to the meeting and talked about his experience at Dallas North Academy.
- III. Governance Committee Chair, Regina Thompson, reported that the committee has talked about working with their coaches and they are looking forward to getting in contact with them to get their meetings scheduled.
- IV. Finance Committee Chair, Mike Casey, noted that his term on the Board is up this year and there needs to be someone in succession that has learned what is going on with finances at Texans Can.
- V. Education Committee Chair, Robert Nelson, reported the social media campaign was very successful but attendance is low, and they are looking for ways to keep the students engaged. (Trustee Mike Casey left the meeting)
- VI. Consent Agenda Items
CFO Marian Hamlett asked the Chairman to pull item B 1 Report Regarding June Financial Update from the Consent Agenda.
 - A. Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on August 12, 2021.
 - B. Finance
 1. Report Regarding June Financial Update was pulled.
 2. Report Regarding Charter FIRST update (Superior rating for 2021 - based upon 2020 financial results). Public hearing in the October board meeting
 3. Report Regarding Status of refinancing with Texas Capital Bank and options
 4. Report Regarding RFP's published with anticipation of approval at October board meeting:
 - o IT - goods and services
 - o Janitorial
 - o Public Relations
 - o Impact Analysis of alumni/graduates
 - C. Approval of the Depository Contract
 - D. Development
 1. Approval of the Daniel Migael Foundation, Inc, \$50,000 for training of Westcreek students (10), providing exams and glasses for all students in Dallas and Fort Worth
 - E. Business Solutions
 2. Report Regarding Compliance

Trustee Penny Rayfield moved, and Trustee Robert Nelson seconded the motion to approve the Consent Agenda items. The motion passed unanimously.

VII. Non-Consent Agenda Items

The Chairman, Rudy Oeftering, asked CFO Marian Hamlett to give her Report Regarding June Financial Update

A. Superintendent James Ponce reported on student outcomes.

Attorney Rich Nichols introduced himself and presented his background. He then gave an overview of his duties responsibilities as the attorney retained for Texans Can Academies.

B. TEA Conservator's Report

Dr. Susan Tims requested that going forward the Conservators reports be included in the Board packets. She introduced Travis Whisenant and Monica Jaloma who explained what their roles will be as they provide Lone Star Governance training to the Board.

C. Education

a. Trustee Robert Nelson moved, and Trustee Richard Evans seconded the motion to approve the Remote Conferencing Waiver. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Trustee Robert Nelson moved, and Trustee Chaundra Smith-Adams seconded the motion to approve the Targeted Improvement Plan Approval Prior to October 1, 2021, TEA Submission. The motion passed unanimously.

c. Trustee Robert Nelson moved, and Trustee Penny Rayfield seconded the motion to approve the District Coordinator of School Improvement for 2021-2022. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Finance

Trustee Regina Thompson moved, and Trustee Linda on Quintus seconded the motion to approve 100.080 Federal Fiscal Compliance Policy – LOCAL. The motion passed unanimously.

E. Facilities

Trustee Gloria Delgado moved, and Trustee Thalia Matherson seconded the motion to approve the Care Hawk Intercom system (Garland). The motion passed unanimously.

VIII. There was no Executive Session called.

IX. There was no vote taken.

X. There were no public comments.

XI. The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 7:24 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Leelynn Montes.

Approved by: _____
Secretary of the Board