



TRUSTEES

- Rudy C. Oeftering, Chair
- Linda K. von Quintus, JD
- Penny Rayfield
- Regina M. Thompson, DNP, RN, NEA-BC
- Richard Evans
- Thalia F. Matherson, Ed. D.
- Antonio Soto
- Dr. Karla del Rosal

- James Ponce, Ed. D., Superintendent

MEETING MINUTES
AMERICA CAN! dba TEXANS CAN ACADEMIES CHARTER SCHOOLS
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
APRIL 14, 2022 @ 5:30 PM

Virtual Conference Notice; a Regular Meeting will be convened and conducted
 by the Board of Trustees of America Can!
 at the District Office / Oak Cliff Campus
 325 W. 12th Street, Dallas, Texas

In-Person Attendees: Chairman Rudy Oeftering, Cynthia Miles, Dan Cahalen, Dr. James Ponce, Marian Hamlett, Mia Stroy, Scott Barrows, Stacy Venson, Nockamury Coleman
 Virtual Attendees: Linda K. von Quintus, Penny Rayfield, Richard Evans, Dr. Robert Nelson, Antonio Soto, Dr. Thalia Matherson, Fernando Marino, Richard Pena, Dr. Susan Tims, Rich Nichols, Travis Whiseanant, Lameesha Crawford, Douglas Gilmore, Hilda Mendoza, Jennifer Phillips, Brandon Barnes, Shanna Jones, Cally Moore, Natalie Paes, Olivia Guzman, Juan Franco

OUR MISSION . . .

To provide the highest quality education for all students, especially those who have struggled in a traditional high school setting, in order to ensure their economic independence.

MEETING MINUTES

Rudy Oeftering, Chairman of the Board, presided over the meeting. The meeting began at 5:32pm. Chairman Rudy asked that all Board member’s cameras stay on. Chairman Rudy welcomed Principal Cazares who would bring on Lamesha Crawford, a student at Dallas North who welcomed everyone to the Board meeting.

Antonio Soto and Dr. Karla del Rosal, were introduced as new Trustees and Officers. Antonio Soto will serve on the Finance Committee and Dr. del Rosal will serve on the Education Committee. Antonio introduced himself to the Board and explained why he wanted to be a Board member.e expressed that he is inspired by helping people in need, especially those desiring a high school education. Chairman Rudy shared information about Dr. Carla del Rosal. They both will be sworn in during our next Board meeting on May 12, 2022. A Motion to accept both candidates to the Board of Trustees was made by Dr. Robert Nelson, and seconded by Dr. Thalia Matherson . All Board members were in agreement.



The Governance Committee - Chairman Rudy will continue until the end of his term in April 2023. Dr. Thalia Matherson will begin as the new Vice Chair. Dr. Regina Thompson will serve as the Secretary until April 2023. Richard Evans will serve as the Treasurer. Dr. Matherson also agrees to serve as Chair once Chairman 's terRudy Oeftering's term ends. Dr. Robert is stepping down as his term has ended. His plans are to work in education in Oklahoma. A Motion to accept the roles of these new Officers for the Board of Trustees was made by Penny

Rayfield, and seconded by Dr. Robert Nelson. All Board members were in agreement.

Penny Rayfield has agreed to serve another three year term. A Motion to accept the roles Richard Evans, and seconded by Dr. Thalia Matherson. All Board members were in agreeance.

Dr. Susan Tims reviewed the new format of the Texas Education Agency Conservator's Report. The new format is to show sustainable embedded systems. Chairman Rudy asked that acronyms not be used unless the meaning of the acronym is provided. Nockamury was asked to provide a list of the acronyms that would include those provided by Dr. Tims. Dr. Tims shared that the District is moving in a positive way. Making recommendations that 360 is made more instructional and not operational and the transition to a new student information system, from eSchool to Aeries. Richard Evans asked for advice on making things better. Dr. Tims suggested paying attention to the compliance report. Chairman Rudy expressed that each Trustee continues their quarterly conversations with Dr. Tims. The next quarter will be during the summer time. Nockamury will track the conversation.

Fernando Marino introduced himself and what he does to our new Trustee, Antonio Soto. He then provided an overview of the Compliance Report. The Compliance report was included in the Board packet. Richard Evans asked if there is a target completion date for the 360. Mr. Marino explained a sustainable 90%. Trustee Rayfield asked if Dr. Tims' reporting system aligns with Texans Cans. Mr. Marino explained that's a work in progress. The next report should align. Trustees should be able to click on the links in the Compliance report to get additional information.



The Consent Agenda was approved with the exception of the Finance section. The Finance section, Section C was pulled from the approval of the Consent agenda for further discussion. A Motion to approve: Dr. Robert Nelson, and seconded by Richard Evans. All Board members were in agreement.

Motion to amend the February meeting minutes to include Marian Hamlett as the presenter of the Financial report made by Dr. Robert Nelson and seconded by Richard Evans.

Section C of the Consent Agenda: Finance, Report Regarding

1. Hold harmless
2. February 28, 2022 financial statements and projections for 2022

Motion to Section C of the Consent agenda made by Dr. Robert Nelson and seconded by Richard Evans.

Non-Consent Agenda / Superintendent's Report

Chairman Oeftering provided the Governance Committee Report which included the new officers and Board members. Travis Whisenant of Lone Star Governance also provided a report of what was to come in the April 2022 Lone Star Governance training; Superintendent Constraints. Committee sections to review of the Integrity Instrument will be covered in the April 29, 2022 training.

Chairman Oeftering asked that all participants display their name on the Zoom call.

Dr. Ponce provided a student highlight. Student Kaylee Grube, Student Ambassador, January 2021 Graduate - Texas Can, San Antonio.

The Education Committee report was provided by Dr. Robert Nelson.





Stacy Venson provided the Student Achievement and Portrait of a Graduate report. This information was included in the Board packet.

Cynthia Miles reported on Enrollment and Attendance provided, documents were provided in the Board packet.

Approval of the 2022-23 Proposed School Day Model Motioned by Dr. Robert Nelson and seconded by Trustee Linda von Quintus. This plan will begin next school year.

The Finance Committee Report was provided by Richard Evans.

Approval of the resolution to authorize, negotiate, execute and deliver loan and collateral documents with PlainsCapital Bank was Motioned by Penny Rayfield and seconded by Dr. Robert Nelson. All of the Board members were in agreement.

Dr. Nelson spoke about the Charter Renewal and how the staff has grown in skillset, interaction, best Board we have ever had and Conservators. Dr. Nelson expressed his appreciation for all we have done. He called out Fernando for working 20 hours a day and for all the staff for going above and beyond. Suggested the new Board members visit the Central office, he thinks it would be very beneficial to all. Recognized the new day schedule and thinks we should sell it this coming spring/summer.

Chairman Rudy informed that we would be in discussion about having the Board members add agenda items.

Meet start until Consent agenda: 58 minutes / Consent agenda until Non-Consent agenda: 4 minutes / Non-Consent agenda to adjourning: 49 minutes

Adjourn at 7:23pm

