

Minutes -- Rocketship Public Schools National Board of Directors Meeting (2019-20 Q3) (Thursday, March 5, 2020)

1. Opening Items

A. Call to order

At 2:35pm, Mr. Jordan took roll call. With a quorum of Board members present, Mr. Jordan called the meeting to order.

Present: Louis Jordan, Jolene Slotter, Ralph Weber, Alex Terman, Greg Stanger, June Nwabara, Daniel Velasco, Charmaine Detweiler, Julia Stiglitz, Jean-Claude Brizard, Mike Fox

Advisor: Peter Philpott

B. Public comment on off-agenda items

At 2:36 pm, Mr. Jordan called for public comment on off-agenda items. While members of the public were in attendance in multiple locations, no comment was made.

2. Consent Items

A. Approve minutes from the December 5, 2019 meeting of the Board of Directors

B. Approve Formal Process of Appointing Rocketship Rocketeer Parents to the Board of Directors

C. Appoint Mai Huong Ho-Tran to the Rocketship Public Schools Board of Directors for a two-year term through March 2022

D. Appoint Yolanda Bernal Samano to the Rocketship Public Schools Board of Directors for a two-year term through March 2022

E. Appoint Peter Philpott as Advisor to the Rocketship Public Schools Board of Directors for a two-year term through March 2022

F. Appoint Julie Miller as Advisor to the Rocketship Public Schools Board of Directors for a two-year term through March 2022

G. Appoint Emily Alwood as Advisor to the Rocketship Business Committee for a two-year term through March 2022

H. Renew appointment of Justin Bakewell as an Advisor to the Rocketship Business Committee for a two-year term through March 2022

I. Renew appointment of Abby Spaulding as an Advisor to the Rocketship Business Committee for a two-year term through March 2022

J. Renew appointment of June Nwabara to the Rocketship Public Schools Rocketship Public Schools Board of Directors for a two-year term effective August 2019 through August 2021

K. Confirm the most recent appointment dates of Ralph Weber, Raymond Raven, and Jolene Slotter to Rocketship Public Schools Board of Directors were for two-year terms starting May 2019 through May 2021

L. Approve Clifton Larsen Allen (CLA) as auditor for the fiscal year 2019-20 consolidated audit of Rocketship Education and its affiliated entities

M. Delegate authority of Audit Committee to approve IRS Form 990 for Rocketship Education for fiscal year ending 6/30/19

N. Approve 2020 School Safety Plan, which was previously approved by Business Committee on February 18, 2020

O. Approve the Safety, Security and Health Substance Abuse Policy for California and Tennessee Schools

P. Approve 2020-21 compensation levels for selected staff groups, as recommended by the Achievement and Business Committees

Q. Acknowledge and approve First Interim Report for all thirteen California Rocketship Schools, already submitted in accordance with state deadline in December 2019

At 2:38 pm, Mr. Jordan called for a motion to approve consent items. A motion was made by Mr. Brizard, seconded by Mr. Terman and carried by roll call vote.

Y: Louis Jordan, Ralph Weber, Alex Terman, Greg Stanger, June Nwabara, Daniel Velasco, Charmaine Detweiler, Julia Stiglitz, Jean-Claude Brizard, Mike Fox

N: --

Abstain: Jolene Slotter

3. Agenda Items

A. Reflections on school visit and personalized learning

At 2:39pm, the board discussed agenda item 3(A). No action was taken.

B. Board Updates: CEO, Regional, Board Chair, Committee Chair, Development, and Compliance

At 3:07pm, the board discussed agenda item 3(B). No action was taken.

C. SB126 Compliance monitoring and assurance

At 3:25pm, the board reviewed agenda item 3(C). No action was taken.

D. Novel coronavirus/COVID-19 preparation and response

At 3:45pm, the board discussed agenda item 3(D). No action was taken.

E. Greenlighting of 2020-21 new regions and schools

At 4:05pm, the board discussed agenda item 3(E). At 4:53pm, Mr. Jordan called for a motion to approve the greenlighting of a new Rocketship school in Nashville ("NSH3"). A motion was made by Ms. Nwabara, seconded by Mr. Terman, and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Y: Louis Jordan, Alex Terman, Greg Stanger, Daniel Velasco, Charmaine Detweiler, Julia Stiglitz, Jean-Claude Brizard, Mike Fox, Yolanda Bernal Samano, Mai Huong Ho-Tran, June Nwabara, Joey Sloter, Ralph Weber

N: --

Abstain: --

At 4:54pm, Mr. Jordan called for a motion to approve the greenlighting of two new schools in Texas ("TX1" and "TX2"). A motion was made by Mr. Stanger, seconded by Ms. Detweiler, and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Y: Louis Jordan, Alex Terman, Greg Stanger, Daniel Velasco, Charmaine Detweiler, Julia Stiglitz, Jean-Claude Brizard, Mike Fox, Yolanda Bernal Samano, Mai Huong Ho-Tran, June Nwabara, Joey Sloter, Ralph Weber

N: --

Abstain: --

F. Statements of Financial Interests (Form 700) reminder

At 4:54pm, the board discussed agenda item 3(F). No action was taken.

At 4:56pm, Mr. Jordan called for motion to close the open session and go into closed session, including Preston Smith, Senior Leadership Team, Maya Sethi, and Marie Gil. A motion was made by Mr. Terman, seconded by Mr. Brizard, and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Y: Louis Jordan, Alex Terman, Greg Stanger, Daniel Velasco, Charmaine Detweiler, Julia Stiglitz, Jean-Claude Brizard, Mike Fox, Yolanda Bernal Samano, Mai Huong Ho-Tran, June Nwabara, Joey Sloter, Ralph Weber

N: --

Abstain: --

4. Closed Session

A. Public employee performance evaluations pursuant to California Government Code 54957 Title: Chief Executive Officer and Senior Leadership Team

B. Conference with Legal Council -- Anticipated Litigation: Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to California Government Code 54956.9. Number of cases: 2

5. Agenda Items, Continued

A. Public report on actions taken in closed session

At 6:17pm, Mr. Jordan called the open session back to order. He reported that no action was taken in closed session.

B. Break for dinner and small-group conversations with Rocketship Parent Leaders

At 6:18pm, Mr. Jordan called for a motion to recess until 6:45pm to allow members of the board and Rocketship parents in attendance to eat dinner and talk in sub-quorum groups. A motion was made by Mr. Velasco, seconded by Mr. Brizard, and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Y: Louis Jordan, Alex Terman, Greg Stanger, Daniel Velasco, Charmaine Detweiler, Julia Stiglitz, Jean-Claude Brizard, Mike Fox, Yolanda Bernal Samano, Mai Huong Ho-Tran

Abstain: --

C. Group Discussion with Rocketship Parent Leaders

At 7:08pm, Mr. Jordan called the session back to order. The board and Rocketship Parent Leaders had a group discussion. No action was taken.

6. Adjourn

At 7:30 pm, Mr. Jordan called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Terman, seconded by Ms. Detweiler, and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Y: Louis Jordan, Alex Terman, Greg Stanger, Daniel Velasco, Charmaine Detweiler, Julia Stiglitz, Jean-Claude Brizard, Mike Fox, Yolanda Bernal Samano, Mai Huong Ho-Tran

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Abstain: --

Respectfully Submitted,

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