

Minutes from Rocketship Public Schools National Board of Directors Meeting (2020-21 Q1) (Wednesday, August 26, 2020)

1. Opening Items

A. Call to order

At 12:02pm, Mr. Jordan took roll call. With a quorum of Board members present, Mr. Jordan called the meeting to order.

Present: Louis Jordan, Alex Terman, Charmaine Detweiler, Greg Stanger, Joey Slotter, Julia Stiglitz, Ray Raven, Yolanda Bernal Samano, June Nwabara, Mai Huong Ho-Tran, Ralph Weber, Jean-Claude Brizard

Absent: Daniel Velasco, Deb McGriff

Advisor: Peter Philpott

B. Public comment on off-agenda items

At 12:08 pm, Mr. Jordan called for public comment on off-agenda items. While members of the public were in attendance via Zoom, no comment was made.

2. Consent Items

A. Approve minutes from the June 11th, 2020 meeting of the Board of Directors

B. Appoint Julie Miller to the Rocketship Public Schools Audit Committee for a two-term through August 2022.

C. Approve the Independent Educational Evaluation Policy

D. Approve the Suicide Prevention Policy (CA)

E. Approve the revised Retention and Acceleration Policy

F. Approve the revised General Complaint Policy (CA)

G. Approve the revised Complaint Policy (TN)

H. Approve the revised Discrimination, Harassment, Intimidation, Bullying and Title IX Policy

I. Approved the revised Campus Access & Visitor Policy

J. Approve the revised Suspension and Expulsion Policy (CA)

K. Approve the revised Education for Youth Foster Policy (CA)

L. Approve the revised Admissions and Enrollment Policy (CA)

M. Approve the 2020-21 Rocketship Public Schools Employee Handbook

N. Approve the 2020-21 California and Tennessee Family Handbooks

O. Approve the Second Amended By-Laws of Launchpad Development Company

P. Acknowledge and approve 2019-20 Education Protection Account fund expenditures for all thirteen California Rocketship schools

Q. Approve 2020-21 Budget Education Protection Account fund spending plans for all thirteen California Rocketship schools

At 12:09pm, Mr. Jordan called for a motion to approve consent items. A motion was made by Mr. Detweiler, seconded by Mr. Brizard, and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

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Abstain: --

3. Agenda Items

A. Board updates: CEO, Regional, Board Chair, Committee Chair, Development, and Compliance

At 12:10pm, the board discussed agenda item 3(A)

B. Report out from Board Ad Hoc Board Nominating Committee

At 12:47pm, the board discussed agenda item 3(B).

C. School opening and COVID response update

At 12:50pm, the board discussed agenda item 3(C).

D. Public Hearing on Learning Continuity and Attendance Plans for all 13 CA Rocketship schools

At 1:28pm, the board discussed agenda item 3(D).

E. Budget update and final approval

At 1:41pm, the board discussed agenda item 3(E). At 1:59pm, Mr. Jordan called for a motion to approve the Revised 2020-21 Annual Plan and Budget for Rocketship Public Schools and each individual school. A motion was made by Mr. Terman, seconded by Ms. Stiglitz, and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Y: Louis Jordan, Alex Terman, Charmaine Detweiler, Greg Stanger, Joey Slotter, Julia Stiglitz, Ray Raven, Yolanda Bernal Samano, June Nwabara, Mai Huong Ho-Tran, Ralph Weber

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Abstain: --

4. Break

At 2:00pm, Mr. Jordan called for a motion to take a break. A motion was made by Ms. Detweiler, seconded by Ms. Slotter, and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Y: Louis Jordan, Alex Terman, Charmaine Detweiler, Greg Stanger, Joey Slotter, Julia Stiglitz, Ray Raven, Yolanda Bernal Samano, June Nwabara, Mai Huong Ho-Tran, Ralph Weber

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Abstain: --

5. Agenda Items, Continued

At 2:16pm, Mr. Jordan took roll call. With a quorum of board members present. Called the meeting to order.

A. Introduction to DEI & Anti-Racism Resolution

At 2:19pm, the Board discussed agenda item 5(A). At 3:41pm, Mr. Jordan called for a motion to approve the Anti-Racism Resolution. A motion was made by Mr. Brizard, seconded by Ms. Slotter, and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

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Abstain: --

At 3:46pm, Mr. Jordan called for a motion to move agenda item 7(B) before closed session. A motion was made by Mr. Stanger, seconded by Ms. Detweiler, and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

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Abstain: --

7B. COVID reflections by Rocketeers

At 3:47pm, the board discussed agenda item 7(B).

6. Closed Session

At 3:55pm, Mr. Jordan called for a motion to move to closed session including Preston Smith, Senior Leadership Team, Maya Sethi, Leah Olson, and Marie Alvarado-Gil. A motion was made by Mr. Brizard, seconded by Mr. Slotter, and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

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Abstain: --

A. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation: Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to California Government Code § 54956.9. Number of cases: 2

B. Public employee performance evaluations pursuant to California Government Code § 54957 Title: Chief Executive Officer

7. Agenda Items, Continued

A. Public Report on action taken in closed session

At 4:24pm, Mr. Jordan reported that no action was taken in closed session.

8. Adjourn

At 4:25pm, Mr. Jordan called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion was made by Ms. Slotter, seconded by Ms. Detweiler, and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

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Abstain: --

Respectfully Submitted,

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Rocketship Public Schools