

Rocketship Public Schools -- DC
MEETING MINUTES
December 15, 2020

Chair Joey Sloter called the meeting to order at 1:02pm. In attendance were Chair Joey Sloter, Melissa Martin, Barry Rosenthal, Rena Johnson, Rose Waller, Keshia Battle, Justin Bakewell, Matthew Aaron and new Board members Rahman Branch and Rashida Tyler. Other attendees included CEO Preston Smith, Cheye Calvo, Maya Sethi, Candice Bobo, Analeigh Smith, Josh Pacos, Taylor Nyman, Khadijah Williams, Jasmine Ferguson, and Laura Kozel.

Board members, Simone Brown and Zakiya Reid, were not in attendance. New board member Kamuzu Saunders was also not in attendance. Jacque Patterson is no longer on the Board.

I. Consent Items

On a motion introduced by Joey Sloter, carried by Barry Rosenthal, and seconded by Matthew Aaron, the Board voted 7-0 to approve the consent agenda which included minutes from the September 15th, 2020 Board meeting, policies requiring approval, and new and reappointments to the Board. Policy approvals included amendments to the DC Bylaws, 2019-20 annual audit, Legacy Prep long-term lease and associated bond offering, complaint policy, and amended AppleTree agreement. The consent agenda also included reappointing Barry Rosenthal and Zakiya Reid to a new two-year term, and appointment of Kamuzu Saunders, Rahman Branch, and Rashida Tyler to two-year terms.

II. Closed Session

Joey Sloter introduced the motion to enter closed session. Melissa Martin moved the motion and Rena Johnson seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to hold a closed session.

III. Mission Moment

Analeigh Smith, Associate Director of Development, presented a Mission Moment for the Board in order to remind us of the “why” behind the work and she also provided a brief development and fundraising update.

IV. Staff, Board and Committee Chair Updates

- A. The Achievement Committee met on December 3rd. Melissa Martin, Chair of the Achievement Committee, and Josh Pacos, Director of Schools, took a few minutes to share a brief report.
- B. Keysha Bailey, Chief Financial Officer, and Justin Bakewell, Chair of the Business Committee, shared that the Business Committee met on September 1st and shared a brief report.
- C. Josh Pacos shared updates on reopening in the current term and over the next term.
- D. Keysha Bailey and Justin Bakewell shared a brief update regarding leasing and bond options for Legacy Prep.

VI. Closed Session

Joey Sloter introduced the motion to enter closed session. Justin Bakewell moved the motion and Barry Rosenthal seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to hold a second closed session.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:25 PM.

Meeting Minutes prepared on December 21, 2020