

Rocketship Public Schools -- DC
MEETING MINUTES
December 16, 2021

Chair Joey Sloter called the meeting to order at 1:05pm. In attendance were Chair Joey Sloter, Barry Rosenthal, Rose Waller, Keisha Battle, Matt Aaron, Rena Johnson, Melissa Martin, Rashida Tyler, and Kamuzu Saunders. Zakiya Sackor joined at 1:08pm. Justin Bakewell, Rahman Branch, and Byron Johnson were not in attendance. Other attendees included DC Executive Director Candice Bobo, Director of Finance Julie Sele, and DC Regional Director Joyanna Smith.

I. Consent Items

On a motion introduced by Barry Rosenthal, and seconded by Matt Aaron, the Board voted 9-0 to approve the consent agenda which included minutes from the September 14, 2021 Board meeting.

III. Mission Moment

Candice Bobo, DC Executive Director, presented a Mission Moment for the Board in which she shared a summary of the Romaine Thomas naming dedication ceremony that took place on November 13, 2021.

IV. 2021-22 Schools Update

- A. Candice Bobo shared brief DC talent and development updates.
- B. Executive Director, Candice Bobo, also shared a brief student recruitment and enrollment update.
- C. Candice Bobo also shared attendance updates and noted that there is a push to increase attendance rates and part of the strategy is to continue to invest in our students and leaders. Candice also noted that the covid mandate created a slow down in positive covid cases in the Fall of 2021.
- D. Julie Sele, Director of Finance, shared that the Business Committee met on December 7, 2021 and then shared a financial update with FY 21-22 forecast updates and FY 22 actuals updates.
- E. Candice Bobo also provided an update on the request by Social Justice to extend the existing co-location agreement.

V. Closed Session

The Board then made a motion to close the meeting and proceed into closed session. Board member Kamazu Saunders made the motion to close the meeting and Board member Matt Aaron seconded. Board members unanimously voted to close the session.

VI. Re-opened Open Meeting

Board members then returned to the open session. There were no actions taken during the closed session. Board Chair Joey Sloter shared that the next board meeting will be held on March 1, 2022. Board member Barry Rosenthal made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Rose Waller seconded. The board members then voted unanimously to adjourn. Board member, Zakiya Reid, did not rejoin the meeting from the closed session.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:30 PM.

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