



Board of Directors Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, September 17, 2019

4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

CICS Lloyd Bond (room 103, 13300 S Langley Ave, Chicago, IL 60827)

Tour of CICS Lloyd Bond with Mr. Kirk. Meet in CICS Lloyd Bond main entrance (3:45 PM - 4:00 PM)

I. Introductions (4:00 PM - 4:05 PM)

Board members: Brian Novelline, Laura Thonn, Elizabeth Shaw, Aylon Samouha, David Blinderman

Not in attendance: David Chizewer, Violet Clark

Guests: Evan Sharpe, Christine Leung, Stephen McClain, Stephanie Crosier, Kathleen Clarke, Neil Shah, Yesica Rufino-Perez, Sofia Mendez, Morgan Marler, Luis Sanchez, Katie Sweeney and Emma LaBount, CTU, Karen Brio, Distinctive Schools

II. Public comment (4:05 PM - 4:15 PM)

Emma LaBount representing office staff, deans and nurses from Civitas Education Partners (CEP) read a letter asking for voluntary recognition of CTU to represent their interests at CEP and gave copies of the letter to the board members.

III. Approval of June 18, 2019 meeting minutes (4:15 PM - 4:20 PM)

Minutes approved

IV. Board member elections (4:20 PM - 4:30 PM)

Introduction of Evan Sharpe, candidate for the board, remarks by Evan Sharpe.

Evan Sharpe was elected to the board and seated.

V. 2019-20 School launch update (4:30 PM - 5:07 PM)

Introduction by CEO Elizabeth Shaw



Enrollment

Christine Leung discussed enrollment, the Held Harmless Funding MOU, allocation of resources to low enrolled low-performing schools and tracking student exit/turnover via exit surveys.

Portfolio Schools

Stephen McClain discussed 3 SMO operators highlighting new programs and supports and professional development.

Direct Managed Schools

Stephanie Crosier discussed new or expanded practices at the 3 direct-managed campuses including professional development, data-driven instruction, culture & climate and accountability as well as Academy Engagement Practices.

Micro-Labs

Stephen McClain gave an overview of each Micro-Lab and their enrollments.

Facilities Enhancements

Kathleen Clarke reviewed facilities projects at Longwood including electrical upgrades across 5 buildings on campus, elevator and entrance upgrades and window installation at Northtown Academy with 80% completed this summer.

Kathleen Clarke also spoke about the expansion of the Talent Team to 3 people, the hiring completed this summer and future plan for reviewing compensation with a Compensation Committee.

VI. 2018 School Quality Rating Policy (SQRP) projections (5:07 PM - 5:15 PM)

Christine Leung reviewed unofficial School Quality Rating Policy (SQRP) Projections, highlighting schools with improved rankings as well as schools on the warning list. Deeper discussions into the levers within the SQRP scores and strategies to improve all schools (reaching beyond Level 1+) will be discussed once numbers are finalized and released.



VII. Strategic refresh (5:15 PM- 5:30 PM)

Elizabeth Shaw reviewed end of year 3 of Blueprint, the start of the refresh at the end of last year, change to the Hybrid model and then lead board discussion regarding process, progress and timeline (Jan 2020 for new plan) as well as input on survey and ideas about board participation.

VIII. Approvals (5:30 PM - 5:40 PM)

Neil presented board ratifications/ approval for changes to Chicago Rise, Empowered Community Schools and Chicago Back Office.

Closure of Chicago Rise approved by board

Change of name Empowered Community Schools to Chicago Back Office approved

IX. Closed Session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) (5:40 PM - 5:55 PM)

Moved to closed session re: performance related matters of an employee.

X. Adjournment (5:55 PM - 6:00 PM)