I. Introduction (4:00-4:05)
   a. Board Members: Laura Thonn, David Blinderman, Violet Clark, Aylon Samouha,
   b. Brian Novelline and Elizabeth Shaw. Kate Gottfred via phone.
   c. Visitors: Kenyatta Starks, Stephen McClain, Empowered Community Schools;
      Stephen Crosier, ChicagoRise; Erin Lanoue, Distinctive Schools; Lahari Goud, Ulric
      Shannon, Terrence Donte’ Abdurrahim, Civitas Education Partners; and Yana
      Kunichff, Chalkbeat.
   d. CICS Staff: Kathleen Clarke, Darrious Hilmon, Neil Shah, Jerry Lambrinatos, Meghan
      Schmidt, Dave Gershenson, Luis Sanchez, Jennifer Rocha, Christine Leung, and Paul
      Boye.

II. Public Comment (4:05- 4:15)
   a. Public comment from four (4) Civitas Education Partners staff members. Letters
      were submitted. Approximately 40 Civitas Education Partners were present.

III. Approval of previous meeting minutes (4:15- 4:20)
   a. A motion was made by David Blinderman to approve board meeting minutes from
      June 19, 2018. Motion was seconded, and Board Minutes were approved.

IV. Facilities Update (4:20-4:30) Kathleen Clarke
   b. Main summer projects–CICS Longwood Auditorium and CICS Northtown community
      room.
   c. Upcoming project–new windows for CICS Northtown.

V. Innovation Spotlight (4:30-4:40) Lahari Goud
   a. Civitas Community Impact Experience (CCIE) for CICS ChicagoQuest students.
   b. CCIE is an off-campus, year-long project based, community-integrated learning
      experience with Chicago as a classroom.
   c. Two (2) projects-Social Entrepreneurship Ventures and Building an Escape Room.
   d. Ms. Goud invited volunteers to participate.
VI. CEO Report (4:40- 4:50) Elizabeth Shaw  
   a. FY 19 Strategies reviewed (Excellent Schools, Accountability, Incubation and Innovation and Vibrant Communities and Recast to Portfolio Excellence, Incubation and Innovation and Enabling Conditions.  
   b. Development--$873K Walton Family Foundation grant award. Pursuing local and national foundations.  
   c. Incubation and Innovation 2.0 has started with new team members who will continue building the Innovation pipeline and strengthen the Education Entrepreneur Fellows.

VII. Enrollment Report (4:50-4:55) Darrious Hilmon  
   a. CICS enrollment-8285 students. The CICS YOY enrollment is down 188 students.  
   b. Discussion / questions centered on grade level, building capacity, conducting exit surveys and new GoCPS high school application process.  
   c. Discussion emphasized the importance of communicating the CICS story with our value proposition.

VIII. Finance (4:55- 5:05) Neil Shaw  
   a. Presented revised SY 19 budget.  
   b. A motion to approve the revised budget was made by Laura Thonn. Motion was seconded, and budget was approved.

IX. Board Development (5:05-5:30) Lucy Castillo  
   a. Board Development presentation by Charter Board Partners. Topics included, but not limited to: CICS Board retreat survey, candidate recruitment, Board member matrix, CICS Board member agreements, possible student and parent Board members and revamping CICS Board committees.  
   b. Recruit CICS Board members to support growth and possible expansion.

X. Growth Strategy (5:30-5:55) Christine Leung  
   a. Continued focus on Incubation and Innovation.  
   b. Discussion focused on CICS leadership clarifying “growth” for CICS. Leadership team has “interrogated their assumptions” and have shifted pillars into three (3) areas: Increase Quality, Creating New and Influencing Others.  
   c. Possible expansion includes: four (4) micro inventions and SY 21 opening two (2) new schools—Diverse-by-Design and an Alternative School.

XI. Voting Items:  
   a. June Board meeting minutes were approved.  
   b. Revised SY 19 CICS budget was approved.

XII. Adjourn (6:00)
a. A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. Motion made by Laura Thonn and seconded by Brian Novelline. Approved by all.