

DRAFT MINUTES

Date

Thursday, August 1, 2019
6:00-8:15pm

Board Members In Attendance

Alvarez Symonette, Chair
Michael Busch, Vice Chair
Katelyn Del Priore, Treasurer
Rema Davis, Secretary
John Duval
Mayling Blanco
Patrice Fenton (by phone)
Kunjan Mehta (by phone) potential board member

School Staff in Attendance

John Clemente
Natalie Ferrell
Brandon Corley

Guests in Attendance

Frank Taylor (potential board member)
Ken Cerini
Kiu Geula
Neysha Mejia
Karen Patwa

Board Members Not In Attendance

To do items:

- Kiu will send Monday a schedule for groundbreaking
- Kiu will send Friday a list of docs needed for loan interview
- Ken will assist in selecting financial presentation pages for Loan interview
- Put together select presentation pages from State midterm for Loan interview

Agenda

1. Call to Order and Welcome
 - Board Chair called meeting to order; introduced the June 2019 Board Meeting minutes to the Board
 - Mike motioned to approve the minutes; Kate seconded the motion
 - Minutes unanimously approved by Board
 - New Board Members: Kunjan Mehta and Frank Taylor in process on state board application; can participate in meetings and subcommittee meetings. Limited only on votes until NYS confirms process.
 - Patrice and Mayling have fingerprinting clearance
2. Facilities Update (by Kiu)
 - Sent monthly file
 - DOB approval on plans

- Need sign off by architects
 - Scheduling mtg w/Permanent lender
 - Alvarez to join John for interview
 - Ken's monthly presentation can be sufficient for the interview
 - Will have available
 - Construction financing Bank of America
 - Break ground in August
 - Set date to do it later than earlier (after excavation completed)
 - Maybe beginning of September
 - Academic Performance:
 - Goal 75% of first cohort to pass 3 regents exams. 76% have passed.
3. Financials (by Ken)
- Auditors coming in 2 weeks
 - Strong liquidity: 3x
 - Will be a review of fringe expenses
4. Academic Accountability
- Staff evaluation results (by Natalie/Brandon)
 - New process discussed in detail with staff for clear introduction on how 2019-2020 year will be judged
 - Org chart (by Karen)
 - Move staff and leadership structure to be role based vs. title based
 - Leadership evaluation (by Kate)
 - Review proposal for Scope of Work for Jeanne Rotunda / Leadership and Staff Evaluation
 - Unanimous support of approval to move forward
5. Semi-executive session
6. Next Meeting: August 21, 2019

Minutes respectfully submitted by Rema Davis, Secretary, on August 1, 2019.