

**MINUTES
OF THE MEETING OF THE
AMERICAN LEGACY ACADEMY BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SEPTEMBER 6, 2022**

The Board of Directors of American Legacy Academy held a meeting on September 6, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. via Zoom meeting.

1. (a) CALL MEETING TO ORDER AND (b) APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The meeting was called to order by Board Chair Babcock at 4:00 p.m. Present were Board members Julie Babcock, Corey McOuat (at 4:03), Kate Guden, Stan Everitt, and Cheryl Brown.

Also present were Academica representatives Trevor Goodsell, Joani Zibert, Paul Ballou, Ryan Reeves, Craig Horton, Gayle Jefferson, Mariella Bueno, Bryce Thiriot, Jenn Elison, and Sunny Ranieri; as well as Advisory Board member David Sislowksi. Clayton Howell from XL Charter Development and Peggy Downs were also in attendance.

The agenda was approved by consent.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

3. MEMBER REPORTS

There were no member reports.

4. ACTION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE AUGUST 2, 2022 BOARD MEETING AND THE AUGUST 16, 2022 WORK SESSION

Member Everitt moved to approve the minutes from the August 2, 2022 board meeting and the August 16, 2022 work session. Member Guden seconded the motion, and the Board voted unanimously to approve.

B. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO AMEND THE BYLAWS TO CLARIFY THE BOARD TERM LANGUAGE

Member Babcock recommended delaying action on this item until after the charter contract was approved.

This item was tabled.

C. POSSIBLE ACTION TO DRAW INITIAL STAGGERED BOARD MEMBER TERMS

This item was tabled.

D. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN AMERICAN LEGACY ACADEMY AND ACADEMICA

Member Babcock stated that she had been working on this document with Mr. Reeves, Mr. Goodsell and Mr. Bringham at Academica and recommended the Board approve. It had also been reviewed and approved by Mr. Barry Arrington, ALA's outside counsel.

Member Brown moved to approve the service agreement between American Legacy Academy and Academica. Member McOuat seconded the motion, and the Board voted unanimously to approve.

E. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING ADDING BOARD TREASURER COREY MCOUAT AS AN ALA BANK ACCOUNT DESIGNATED SIGNER

With Member McOuat's election as Board Treasurer, he should be added to the bank account.

Member Brown moved to add and accept Corey McOuat as a designated signer to the ALA bank account. Member Everitt seconded the motion, and the Board voted unanimously to approve.

Mr. David Sislowksi addressed the Board and asked if they should adopt a resolution as certification for Member McOuat. Member McOuat stated that the bank required the minutes from the meeting. Member Babcock stated that she would draft a resolution based on the action in this meeting, which she would have Member Guden sign as secretary.

F. DISCUSSION REGARDING START-UP EXPENSES TO DATE

Mr. Trevor Goodsell addressed the Board, reviewing the current expenses, which had only changed slightly with three new charges. They were, however, incurring below average expenses for a charter school at this point in the process.

G. DISCUSSION REGARDING STATUS OF WELD RE-4 BOARD RELATIONS AND TIMELINES

Member Babcock stated that the district's attorney had responded to the contract, which was then reviewed by Ms. Zibert, Mr. Bringham, Mr. Arrington, and herself. The district had agreed to the request for an extension to October 18th. A lot of progress had been made, including the removal of not opening a school within half mile of a WELD RE-4 school. They were also adding a provision that allowed ALA to request an extension beyond opening for the 23/24 school year at their sole discretion, although that did not change the goal of opening in 2023.

Member Babcock clarified the waiver status, noting that she had to clarify the statutes on the subject for the district. Mr. Arrington recommended they commit to drafting the replacement policies for the district's approval by May 15th, once a principal was in place. Furthermore, they planned to use the language in the statute regarding enrollment, specifically that ALA will have sufficient enrollment to make the school financially viable, as specific enrollment numbers could not be determined until a location was secured. Member Everitt suggested extending the policy deadline if they extended the opening date. Member Babcock recommended keeping the current dates. Ms. Zibert stated that they could also change

the wording to 90 days before opening, although she was confident they would have policies ready by May 15th regardless of the start date. Some discussion ensued regarding specific policies and waivers, with Member Babcock noting they had applied for every waiver available. Mr. Craig Horton addressed the Board and stated that if the district introduced new policies, ALA would have the opportunity to submit waivers. Ms. Zibert confirmed that wording was included in the contract.

Mr. Ryan Reeves addressed the Board and stated that Academica was committed to assisting ALA in finding a temporary location with an adjusted budget. Some discussion ensued regarding targeting temporary locations and the various timelines associated, with Member Babcock urging the group to work together rather than duplicating efforts.

No action was taken.

H. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING WELD RE-4 CHARTER CONTRACT REVIEW

Discussion for this item took place under the previous agenda item.

I. CCSP UPDATE AND TIMELINE

Ms. Peggy Downs addressed the Board, reviewing her progress with the grant and asking a few questions she was unable to find in the charter itself. She anticipated having documents available for the Board's review at the October board meeting. Member Babcock asked that Members Brown and McQuat be involved in the process.

J. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE AMERICAN LEGACY SCHOOL WEBSITE

Ms. Zibert stated that the current ALA website was out of compliance with requirements for charter school websites, and asked Ms. Elison and Mr. Thiriot to give an account of their issues with the current website. Ms. Jenn Elison addressed the Board and stated that the current website was basically a splash page that did not include basic items, such a governance and financial pages, which would bring the website into compliance. In addition, the site was not user friendly and currently did not allow for changes to be made in a timely manner. This affected those at Academica, as well as the future principal and office staff. Mr. Bryce Thiriot concurred, noting that Educational Networks had included a proposal in the support materials. Member Babcock asked the Board members to research website platforms used by charter schools in the area and recommended sending out an RFP so that the Board might make an informed decision best suiting the school.

No action was taken at this time.

K. UPDATE FROM ACADEMICA

Updates from Academica were addressed during individual agenda items.

L. MARKETING UPDATE

Member Guden stated that they had participated in Severance Days. She would like to conduct upcoming parent meetings via Zoom to see if they would get a better turn-out.

M. EXECUTIVE SESSION: THE AMERICAN LEGACY ACADEMY BOARD MAY ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO C.R.S. §24-6-402(4)(A) THE PURCHASE, ACQUISITION, LEASE, TRANSFER, OR SALE OF ANY REAL, PERSONAL, OR OTHER PROPERTY INTEREST; EXCEPT THAT NO EXECUTIVE SESSION SHALL BE HELD FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONCEALING THE FACT THAT A MEMBER OF THE LOCAL PUBLIC BODY HAS A PERSONAL INTEREST IN SUCH PURCHASE, ACQUISITION, LEASE, TRANSFER, OR SALE; AS WELL AS C.R.S. §24-6-402(4)(E)(I) DETERMINING POSITIONS RELATIVE TO MATTERS THAT MAY BE SUBJECT TO NEGOTIATIONS; DEVELOPING STRATEGY FOR NEGOTIATIONS; AND INSTRUCTING NEGOTIATORS.

Member McOuat moved to enter an executive session pursuant to C.R.S. §24-6-402(4)(A) and C.R.S. §24-6-402(4)(E)(I) at 5:11 p.m. Member Guden seconded the motion, and the Board voted unanimously to approve.

Discussion for this item occurred in a closed session.

The Board returned to the regular session at 6:00 p.m.

N. DISCUSSION AND UPDATE REGARDING BUILDING PLANS, WITH POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE POTENTIAL SITES

This item was tabled.

O. DISCUSSION REGARDING ALA ENROLLMENT PROJECTIONS AT TEMPORARY AND PERMANENT SITES

This item was tabled.

L. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO ENGAGE KURT CONNOLLY AS OWNER'S REP FOR NEENAN WORK ON RETROFIT

No action was taken.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

6. ADJOURN MEETING

Member McOuat moved to adjourn the meeting. Member Guden seconded the motion, and the Board voted unanimously to approve.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 6:00 P.M.

APPROVED ON: OCTOBER 4, 2022


Kate Guden (Nov 30, 2022 14:50 MST)

**SECRETARY OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
AMERICAN LEGACY ACADEMY**