

Genesis Innovation Academy

“Creating a Legacy of Greatness – One scholar at a time!”

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 25, 2024

7:00 PM

- I. Opening/Call to Order @ 7:14pm
 - A. TJ entertained a motion to call the meeting to order. MS seconded. The motion passed unanimously with no abstentions.

- II. Attendance and Quorum Verification
 - A. Board In-Person Attendees: Jeff Lawrence (JL), Tomika Jones (TJ), Gavin Samms (GS), Alex Parker (AP), Marcus Shute (MS)
 - B. Board Virtual Attendees: Marissa Coleman (MC), Eddie Bradford (EB)
 - C. Board Absences: Keishia Niblack (KB)
 - D. A quorum is present.
 - E. Guests: Crystal Simmons (CS), Board support

- III. Approve Consent Agenda - JL motioned to approve the consent agenda. MS seconded. The motion passed unanimously with no abstentions.
 - A. Adoption of Agenda
 - B. Approval of **March** Minutes
 - C. Approval of **February** Financials
 1. Boys Academy
 2. Girls Academy
 - D. Recommended Board Decision Items
 1. Approval of Emergency Security Grant Purchases:
 - a. Girls Academy Classroom Door Security Bolts - \$11,781
 - b. Boys Academy Classroom Door Security Bolts - \$10,472
 2. Approval of Boys Bathroom Panel Installation - \$24,960

- IV. Announcements & Recognitions
 - A. Genesis Moot Court Team Wins Team and Individual Award at Regional competition.

- V. Discussion & Action Items for the Board
 - A. Governance – (Dr. Marcus Shute, Committee Chair)
 1. Update Item #1: Governance Training Check-In
 - a. Jeff and Keishia have completed their in-person training.
 - b. 6-hour virtual training due April 30.
 2. Update Items #2: Board Candidate Interviews
 - a. Committee will follow up with candidate Caleb Obumba
 - b. JL to send resume of candidate (fundraising background)
 3. Update Item #3: May Finance Committee Meeting Date Change
 - a. Change to May 15 at 6PM

4. Discussion Item #1: SY25 Board/Committee Meeting Calendar/Schedule
 - a. Crystal Simmons (CS) to check potential conflicting calendar dates
5. Discussion Item #2: Board Retreat Dates
 - a. Potential Board Retreat Dates - July 13, 20, 27
 - a. Tentatively selected – July 27, 2024
 - b. Set Annual Board Retreat Date (i.e. 2nd or 3rd Saturday in July)
6. Action Item #1: Board Elections
 - a. MS reopened the floor for nominations.
 - b. JL was nominated to serve as the Treasurer of the Board and was approved with one unanimous vote.
 - c. MC was nominated to serve as the secretary of the Board and was approved with one unanimous vote.
 - d. MS was nominated to serve as the Vice Chair of the Board and was approved with one unanimous vote.
 - e. TJ was nominated to serve as the Chair of the Board and was approved with one unanimous vote.

B. Finance – (Jeff Lawrence, Committee Chair)

1. Update Item #1: Donation Bank Account
 - a. No action taken.
 - b. Update Item #2: Public Budget Meetings – The dates selected were May 23 and June 27.
2. Update Item #3: Update on Renovation Insurance Payments
 - a. No action taken.
3. Update Item #4: Tech Ad-Hoc Committee
 - a. TJ recommends adding technological professional development to the budget for teachers and staff.
4. Action Item #1: Auditor Selection
 - a. MS motioned to keep the same auditor Bambo Sonaik. TJ seconded. The motion passed unanimously with no abstentions.

C. Development – (Keishia Niblack, Committee Chair).

1. Update Item #1: Development Consulting Progress Summary – No action taken.

D. Academic Excellence – (Dr. Gavin Samms, Committee Chair)

1. Update Item #1: Enrollment & Enrollment Marketing
 - a. Boys Academy enrollment: 288
 - b. Girls Academy enrollment: 290
2. Update Item #2: Staffing Update - No action taken.
3. Update Item #3: Academic Benchmarks - No action taken.

VI. Public Forum – None.

VII. Executive Session

- A. Authorize negotiations to purchase, dispose of or lease property.

1. TJ motioned to go into Executive Session at 9:00pm. MS seconded. The motion passed unanimously with no abstentions.
2. TJ motioned to exit Executive Session at 9:42pm. EB seconded. The motion passed unanimously with no abstentions.

VIII. Follow-up Item Review

A. Old Business (Prior Follow-Up Items)

1. Committee Chairs – Review and revise strategic plan, pending receipt of most recent version of plan.
2. All – Complete the additional 6 hours of training.
3. JL – Discuss and make recommendation on FRC broker agreement during Finance Committee meeting.
4. JL – Discuss property options during Finance committee and report back to board.
5. Development Committee - Review the agreement with Lance Lucas and actual deliverables.
6. GS to check with South State Bank to waive the fees for the donation account.

B. New Business (New Follow-Up Items)

IX. Next Board Meeting: **May 23, 2024 @ 7:00 PM**

X. Closing and Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned @ 9:48pm.