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INNOVATION ACADEMY

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SUMMARY | Board of Directors
June 25, 2026
6:00 PM

I. Opening / Call to Order

A. Meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m.

II. Attendance and Quorum Verification

A. Present: Alex Parker (AP); Jeff Lawrence (JL); Marcus Shute, Sr., PhD (MS).; Keishia Niblack (KN); Alison DeSouza (AD); Katessa Archer (KA), Eddie Bradford, CEO (EB).

B. Absent: None

III. Approve Consent Agenda

A. JF made a motion to amend the agenda to add a vote on volunteer stipends to the Finance Committee section. MS seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

B. MS made a motion to approve the consent agenda. JF seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Consent Agenda

- **i.** Adoption of **June** Agenda
- **ii.** Committee Reports
- **iii.** Recommended Board Action Items – None.

IV. Announcements and Recognitions

A. 06/22-26 – National Charter School Conference / Executive Retreat

B. Keishia Niblack is attending the last meeting of her board appointment. The board publicly and for the record thanks her for her dedicated service.

V. FY27 Budget – Public Meeting #3

A. Boys Academy

- i. Discussion
- ii. Public Comment – There were no members of the public present
- iii. Vote: Approve the Boys Academy FY27 Budget
  1. MS motioned to approve the Boys Academy budget. KA seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Girls Academy

- i. Discussion
- ii. Public Comment – There were no members of the public present.

iii. Vote: Approve the Girls Academy FY27 Budget
    1. JF motioned to approve the Girls Academy budget. MS seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

VI. Discussion & Action Items

A. Governance – (Dr. Marcus Shute, Committee Chair)
    a. Update: Governance Training
    b. Discussion: July Board Retreat
    c. ***Action***: Installation of 2026-27 Board of Directors
        i. ***Note:*** No vote taken; it was clarified that the by-laws dictate that elected Board members take office at the end of the June meeting.
    d. Discussion: Board and Committee Candidates

B. Finance – (Jeff Lawrence, Committee Chair)
    a. **Action:** Approve **April** Financials: Boys Academy
        i. Vote was postponed until July
    b. **Action:** Approve **April** Financials: Girls Academy
        i. Vote was postponed until July
    c. Discussion: FY27 Budget
    d. Update: FY26 Budget Amendment
    e. Update: Enrollment
        i. Girls Academy - 300 (as of 06/01/26); 300 (as of 05/01/26)
        ii. Boy Academy – 290 (as of 06/01/26); 291 (as of 05/01/26)
    f. Update: Projected Enrollment
        i. Girls Academy - 342 (as of 06/01/26)
        ii. Boy Academy – 335 (as of 06/01/26)
    g. Update: Property Search
    h. ***Action:*** Approve Volunteer Stipend
        i. JL made a motion to give a volunteer stipend of $5k to M. Tomlinson for year-round, daily service. AP seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Development – (Keisha Niblack, Committee Chair)
    a. Update: Social Media Efforts

D. Academic and School Operations – (Dr. Gavin Samms, Committee Chair)
    a. Update: Handbook Approvals
    b. ***Action:*** Approve Turf Replacement Contract

c. ***Action:*** Approve Painting Quote
   i. MS made a motion to approve both the Turf Replacement contract as presented and the Painting Quote as presented. JL seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

VII. Public Forum

VIII. Executive Session – None Scheduled

IX. Action Item Review

A. Prior Action Items
   i. Provide Full-Year Enrollment Report (JL)
   ii. Submit Board Giving Proposal (KN) - *Completed*

B. New Action Items
   i. GS to create an agenda for a Board meeting to precede the Retreat start time which will cover items pending from this meeting.
   ii. JF to make recommendations to Board about April financials
   iii. Board members will finish mandated training by June 30 (if they have not done so)

X. Next Meeting:

A. *Retreat:* July 25, 2026 @ 9:00 AM (Location: TBD)
B. *Next Board Meeting*: August 27, 2026 @ 6:00 PM

XI. Closing and Adjournment

A. Meeting adjourned at 7:03 pm.