

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE EL PASO LEADERSHIP ACADEMY**

Date: January 25, 2017

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors (the “**Board**”) of the El Paso Leadership Academy, a Texas non-profit corporation (the “**Company**”), was held on Wednesday, January 25, 2017 at the El Paso Leadership Academy, 1918 Texas Avenue, El Paso, Texas 79901 at 5:30 pm. Matt Kerr, President of the Board, acted as its chairman and presided over the meeting, and Analisa Silverstein recorded the minutes of the meeting in the absence of Allan Lindstrom, Secretary.

First Item of Business - Call to Order and Quorum. The Chairman called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm, and it was determined that a quorum, consisting of the majority of directors of the Company, was present and ready for the transaction of business. The following directors were present:

Scott Adkins
Andrew Ainsa
Analisa Silverstein

Kwame Yankson participated via teleconference.

Staff members present: Omar Yanar, Andrew Benitez, and Emily Levario

Second Item of Business – Minutes. The Board Minutes from the December 21, 2016 regular meeting were submitted for approval. Scott Atkins made a motion to approve the Minutes and Andrew Ainsa seconded the motion. Following a vote by the Board, the Minutes from the foregoing meeting were approved unanimously.

Third Item of Business – EPLA Parent Forum. No parents were in attendance so the Parent Forum was tabled.

Fourth Item of Business – Financial Report. Emily Levario, Business Manager, reviewed the financials including the Monthly Financial Report for December and 2016-2017 Cash Flow Projections. Scott Atkins moved and Andrew Ainsa seconded approval of the Financial Report which was followed by a unanimous vote of approval by the Board.

Scott Atkins moved and Andrew Ainsa seconded approval of Budget Amendment 270035 which reallocated \$80,000 to the Building Improvement Fund to cover the current building construction costs.

Fifth Item of Business – 2016-2017 Campus Improvement Plan. Andrew Benitez, Principal, presented the EPLA Campus Improvement Plan which is required for the operation of the Title I, Part A Schoolwide

Program. Scott Atkins moved and Analisa Silverstein seconded the motion to accept the Campus Improvement Plan. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board. Mr. Benitez also presented a STAAR Benchmark Report. He indicated that the administration is exploring an expansion of mathematics instruction time.

Sixth Item of Business – Other General. Proposed EPLA Board Policy Series 200 – Governance & Organization was presented for approval. The Board unanimously approved the series.

Seventh Item of Business: CEO Report. Omar Yanar, CEO, reported on TEA’s transition to a school accountability system using grades of A through F. Preliminary Texas school ratings using the A through F system were recently released for 2016. The system will be fully in place for 2018 accountability ratings.

Mr. Yanar reported on the progress of current school construction and indicated that an RFQ is being prepared for construction to take place in the summer.

Other Business. Analisa Silverstein resigned from the Board due to changes in her professional schedule. She offered her services in an advisory position to the Board and Staff.

Next Meeting and Adjournment. Scott Atkins moved and Andrew Ainsa seconded the motion for adjournment which was passed by the Board. The board adjourned at 7:01 pm.

The next meeting of the Board of Directors of the Company will be on Wednesday, February 22, 2017 at 5:30 pm at the El Paso Leadership Academy, 918 Texas Avenue, El Paso, Texas.

Board meeting notes taken by Analisa Silverstein. Board meeting minutes prepared by Allan Lindstrom.

Allan Lindstrom, Secretary