

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

August 24, 2016

A 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 August 24, 2016 at the El Paso Leadership Academy, 1918 Texas Avenue, El Paso, Texas 79901 at 5:30 p.m. Scott Adkins, President of the Board, acted as its chairman and presided over the meeting, and Allan Lindstrom, Secretary, recorded the minutes of the meeting.

**First Item of Business - Call to Order and Quorum.** The Chairman called the meeting to order at 5:40 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  
Matt Kerr  
Allan Lindstrom

**Second Item of Business – Approval of Minutes.** Consideration of the approval of the Board's Minutes from the July 27, 2016 regular meeting and the August 20, 2016 special meeting were considered. Matt Kerr moved to approve the Minutes of both meetings and Andrew Ainsa seconded the motion. Following a vote by the Board, the Minutes from the foregoing meetings were approved unanimously.

**Third Item of Business – EPLA Parent Forum.** David DeRego reported that there was excellent parent involvement in summer projects. He indicated that the third year of EPLA will be a challenging and important one and that the addition of administrative staff was a positive move.

**Fourth Item of Business – Review of Financials.** The fourth item of business was a review of EPLA Financials. Ymelda Y'Herrera, Business Client Specialist at Charter School Success, reviewed EPLA financial statements and indicated that there was a positive financial projection for the coming year. Emily Levario, Business Manager and Matt Kerr, Chairman of the Finance Committee, further explained budget and end-of-year financial reporting.

**Fifth Item of Business – 2015-2016 Budget Amendment Discussion and Consideration for Approval.** A motion to approve an amendment to the 2015-2016 budget was made by Matt Kerr and seconded by Andrew Ainsa and unanimously approved by the Board. The amendment brought the budget in line with requirements that expenditures be within 10 percent of the 2015-2016 approved budget.

**Sixth Item of Business – 2016-2017 Budget for State Fund 420, Child Nutrition Fund and Debt Service Discussion and Consideration for Approval** – Matt Kerr moved and Andrew Ainsa seconded the 2016-2017 EPLA budget for State Fund 420, Child Nutrition Fund 240 and Debt Service. The budget was unanimously approved by the Board.

**Seventh Item of Business – Discussion and Approval of the Auditors for 2016-2017.** Upon the motion of Allan Lindstrom and a second by Andrew Ainsa, the Board approved the firm of Bennock and Walker, LLL as the 2016-2017 auditors for EPLA.

**Eighth Item of Business – Approval of Interlocal Agreement with Region 19 Allied States Cooperative.** Matt Kerr moved and Andrew Ainsa seconded approval of ELPA to enter into an Interlocal Agreement with the Education Service Center – Region 19 Allied States Cooperative. The Board approved the motion unanimously. The Board indicated that, as appropriate, that administrators consider independent purchasing when it is to EPLA’s benefit to do so.

**Ninth Item of Business – CEO Report.** Omar Yanar indicated that 283 students were enrolled for the 2016-2017 school year. He emphasized the importance of “Snapshot Day” which occurs on October 31 and determines state per student funding.

Mr. Yanar explained the “Improvement Required” rating that EPLA received on the 2016 Texas Accountability rankings. He indicated that the rating will be contested and will include a review of the students included in the rating to assure that those participating were EPLA enrolled students at the time of the STAAR Assessment. The Board asked that a letter be sent to Mr. Woody Hunt explaining the accountability and EPLA’s plan to contest the rating since Mr. Hunt’s support of EPLA was mentioned in an El Paso Times article regarding the accountability rating.

Mr. Omar explained the plan to address student accountability testing including teacher preparation, TEKS alignment, and student testing practice. The board requested that a monthly progress report be given on the student academic improvement accountability plan.

An alternative to the current risk insurance was provided as an informational item. After discussion, the Board indicated a preference to change from the current insurer, Hub International Insurance, to USI Southwest.

The Board requested copies of the EPLA organization chart be sent to board members.

Scott Adkins announced that election of Board officers would be held at the September 28, 2006 Board meeting.

**Tenth Item of Business – The tenth item of business was an update by the Fundraising Committee.** No report was presented.

**Next Meeting and Adjournment** – Andrew Ainsa moved and Matt Kerr seconded the motion for adjournment which was passed unanimously by the Board. The Board adjourned at 7:00 pm.

The next meeting of the Board of Directors of the Company will be on Wednesday, September 28, 2016 at 5:30 pm at the El Paso Leadership Academy, 918 Texas Avenue, El Paso, Texas.

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Allan Lindstrom, Secretary