



# Legends Public Charter Schools

(During the COVID-19 related emergency, the Board will be meeting virtually via Microsoft Teams)

**Board Members:** Charlette EB Strickland [Interim Chair], LaTasha Baxter (*absent*), Kalif Gallego (*absent*), Adia Jordan, John King, Dr. Alexis Kirkland-Miller, Terrelina (Shellie) Sims, Sharlene Wallace  
**Legends Public Charter School CEO:** Atasha James

## MINUTES for September 29, 2021

5:30pm

### 1. Call to Order/ Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 5:41p, by Legends Interim Board Chair, Ms. Charlette EB Strickland and she welcomed all participants to the meeting.

Legends Board Member Sims conducted a roll call to identify the Board Members in attendance (Charlette EB Strickland, Adia Jordan, John King, Alexis Kirkland-Miller, Terrelina (Shellie) Sims and Sharlene Wallace.)

### 2. Adoption of Agenda

Legends Interim Board Chair Strickland asked for a motion to accept the agenda, as presented or if there were any modifications, edits or changes to be made. The motion was moved by Legends Board Member Kirkland-Miller and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Legends Board Member Wallace. All Board members were in favor – with no oppositions and the agenda was so adopted.

### 3. Approval of Meeting Minutes, from previous meeting (Executive/Closed Session)

Legends Interim Board Chair Strickland asked for a motion to accept the meeting minutes, as presented from our August CLOSED Session Board Meeting or if there were any modifications, edits or changes to be made. The motion was moved by Legends Board Member Kirkland-Miller and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Legends Board Member Sims. All Board members were in favor – with no oppositions and the agenda was so adopted.

### 4. Report of Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Academic Briefing

- Legends CEO James shared the *Legends School Accountability Plan*, highlighting the 9 goals that all Legends staff and the Legends Board will govern themselves by:
  - Goal 1: Students will be proficient in English/Language Arts*
  - Goal 2: Students will be proficient in Mathematics*
  - Goal 3: Students will be proficient in Science*
  - Goal 4: Legends Charter School will meet Annual Measure of Interim Progress*
  - Goal 5: Legends Scholars will have investment accounts*
  - Goal 6: Students and Parents will be satisfied with Legends Charter School*
  - Goal 7: Legends Charter School will be fully enrolled, with high levels of attendance and re-enrollment*
  - Goal 8: Legends Charter School will demonstrate financial responsibility*
  - Goal 9: The Board of Directors will provide effective and sound oversight of the school*

- Legends CEO James noted the school is fully seated; with 700 students (600 in-person/100 virtual)
  - Director of School Operations, Mr. Antoine Williams highlighted the opportunities for continuous hand-sanitization; with stations at all doors entering the school and various hallways; Legends' COVID protocol for cases that affect in-person learning; updates and highlights related to progress made for smoother arrival and departure procedures; the adoption of the *PikMyKid* app, for pick-up coordination and announcements related to progress with the build of the school playground
  - Madeleine Cassell spoke about the grant funding from the *ESSER* (Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief) *Fund Grant*, which awarded Legends PCS with \$2,227,294 due to COVID; flexible funds can be spent over 3 years (7/1/2021-6/30/2024) – with the opportunity for budget amendments available in November and May, annually.
  - Director of Parent and Community Engagement, Ms. Larissa Camilleri spotlighted the *Legends Parent Organization*, and provided an opportunity for the elected officers to be introduced to the Legends Community with a commitment to communicate upcoming meetings. Other topics shared related to the LPO was the desire to encourage and promote the education of students, raise funds to support the mission of Legends and cooperate with the workings of the school administration
  - Directors of Curriculum Instruction, Ms. Tanesha Dixon (ELA and Humanities) and Mr. Eugene Gregory (Math and Science) highlighted their specific areas of concentration and what the teachers will be focusing on – per grade level, provided a look-ahead of the unit curriculum guide for the school year, details about standardized testing and homework expectation
  - Director of Student Affairs, Ms. Portia Cameron and Director of Social/Emotional Learning, Ms. Makiese Devose addressed the variables of different levels of support available to all students and the foundational component of paying attention to the social and emotional maturity of the students
- **Board Response to Academic Briefing**
    - Legends Interim Board Chair Strickland expressed appreciation for the in-depth and very thorough presentation by all levels of administration and acknowledged the opportunity for more specific meetings, as the community desires
    - Legends Interim Board Chair Strickland also acknowledged the expectation of more transparent communication regarding COVID exposure notification, school-wide vs. just to the impacted and affected classroom – so the school community can be informed.

## 5. Acknowledgment of Public Comments

Legends Board Member Sims acknowledged that there were no public comments received, to respond to.

## 6. Legends Public Charter School Board Committee Updates

- Development Committee Briefing: Legends Board Member Jordan provided the financial status, based on the outcomes of the Inaugural Legends PCS Gala, held in June 2021
- Governance Committee Briefing: Legends Board Member Sims acknowledged the development and coordination of Board committees and an inquiry posed to a potential vendor for Board Development training

**7. Motion to Adjourn**

Legends Interim Board Chair Strickland asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:07pm. The motion was moved by Legends Board Member Sims and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Legends Board Member Kirkland-Miller. All Board members were in favor – with no oppositions, and the meeting was so adjourned.

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