



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, Kalif Gallego, Adia Jordan, John King, Dr. Alexis Kirkland-Miller, Terrelina (Shellie) Sims, Sharlene Wallace

Legends Public Charter School CEO: Atasha James

Legends Director of Social & Emotional Learning: Makiese Devose

Legends Director of Financial Literacy: Justin Devose

MINUTES for March 30, 2022

5:30pm

1. Call to Order/ Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 5:35p, by Legends Board Secretary, Terrelina (Shellie) Sims and she welcomed all participants to the meeting.

Legends Board Secretary Sims conducted a roll call to identify the Board Members in attendance (Charlette EB Strickland – joined late, LaTasha Baxter, Kalif Gallego, Adia Jordan, John King, Alexis Kirkland-Miller, Terrelina (Shellie) Sims and Sharlene Wallace).

2. Adoption of Agenda

Legends Board Secretary Sims 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 Jordan and 2nd by Legends Board Member King.** All Board members were in favor – with no oppositions and the agenda was so adopted.

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes, from previous meeting

Legends Board Chair Sims asked for a motion to accept the meeting minutes, as presented from our February 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 2nd by Legends Board Member Jordan.** 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 acknowledged that the school was in Budget Season, and with excitement, announced that Legends was a finalist for the AmeriCorps and CityYear grants; that would assist with supplying additional bodies in the building to support staff.
- Legends CEO James highlighted that this is also Testing & Evaluation Season, and upcoming – for 5th graders – is MISA (Maryland Integrated Science Assessment). For 3rd-6th graders, they will be sitting for the MCAP (Maryland Comprehensive Assessment Program). Additional details about the MCAP can be found at <https://support.mdassessments.com>
- Legends CEO James explained details of the school enrollment statistics and results of the PGCPS SY 2022-2023 Charter School Lottery, where the demand for requested seats far exceeds the available seats within each grade level.
- Legends CEO James announced several upcoming events, to serve as fundraisers for the school, including the 2nd Annual Charter Day School Gala

Financial Literacy Updates (Mr. Justin Devose)

- Legends Director of Financial Literacy, Mr. Justin Devose described the 2022 March Market Investment Tournament, among all grade levels within the school. The competition of the creation of investment accounts is scheduled to last between March 15 – April 5.
- Mr. Devose acknowledged the facilitation of several informational workshops and surveys of understanding during the competition.

Social & Emotional Learning and Academic Development Updates

- Legends Director of Social & Emotional Learning (SEL) and Academic Development, Mrs. Makiese Devose informed the audience of the Fall 2021 SEL Survey findings for grades 3-5.
- Mrs. Devose highlighted several areas of concern, including but not limited to challenging feelings, self-management and grit; as well as the opportunity to introduce activities to continue to keep students engaged and involved.

● **Board Response to Academic Briefing**

- Legends Interim Board Chair Strickland expressed appreciation for the in-depth and very thorough presentation by administration and staff.
- Board members asked questions about PGCPS COVID support, curriculum changes as a result of advances observed with MOY testing results, and expectations from school staff and parent support.

5. **Acknowledgment of Public Comments**

Legends Board Member Sims reiterated to the Legends community the requirement to submit questions through the Legends Public Charter School portal or via ParentSquare in advanced of the meeting, so that the questions can be explored, vetted, and properly responded to. There were

several questions submitted for comment. Topic areas included: wearing of masks, class schedules, time allotted for lunch, potential bus transportation, bullying, potential cost reduction for Legends' EdVentures, PGPCS school devices, and the dissemination of Honor Roll and Attendance awards.

6. Legends Public Charter School Board Committee Updates

- DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
 - Updates were provided on the school's Comedy Night! A great time was had by all...a special shout-out to Legends Board Members Baxter and Gallego for their sponsorship.
 - Save-the-Date notices were sent out for the 2nd Annual Charter Day Gala; the first committee meeting will be held in April 2022.

7. Legends School Announcements

Legends Board Member Sims shared the following school announcements:

- ✓ March is Women's Heritage Month, among many other observances
- ✓ **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to the scholars and staff celebrating March birthdays
- ✓ Take-a-Break Session, tomorrow – March 31; login via ParentSquare
- ✓ 3rd-6th grade Scholars are prepping for MCAP testing; starting after Spring Break (April 19-May 20)
- ✓ April Board of Directors meeting will be a **Closed** Meeting
- ✓ Spring Scholastic Book Fair, scheduled for April 25-April 29
- ✓ Review PGPCS' 2022-2023 SY Calendar; 1st day of school is August 29 (not after Labor Day!)
- ✓ Reminder: 2nd Annual Charter Day Gala; June 4, 5-10p; please visit the school's website for details
- ✓ Access ParentSquare Resource Hub as a guide to topics such as School Breakfast/Lunch menus, recordings from previous Legends' meetings, grade-level contact information and other PGPCS resources

8. Motion to Adjourn

Legends Interim Board Chair Strickland asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:33pm. **The motion was moved by Legends Board Member Jordan and 2nd by Legends Board Member Sims.** All Board members were in favor – with no oppositions, and the meeting was so adjourned.

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