



# 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**

**Legends Public Charter School CEO: Atasha James**

MINUTES for October 26, 2022

5:30pm

**1. Call to Order/ Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order at 5:34p, by Legends Interim Board Chair, Charlette Strickland and she welcomed all participants to the meeting.

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

**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 King 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.

**3. Approval of Meeting Minutes, from previous meeting**

Legends Interim Board Chair Strickland asked for a motion to accept the meeting minutes, as presented from our previous Board Meeting or if there were any modifications, edits or changes to be made. **The motion was moved by Legends Board Member King and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Legends Board Member Gallego.** 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 shared the expectations of the school's ELA, Math, Science proficiency targets and DiBELS scores, in comparison to all of PG County.
- Legends CEO James shared other pertinent updates, related to a new Accelerated Reader icon available in Clever; that it is anticipated that there will not be any PG County snow days, instead the county will opt to exercise virtual instruction days.

#### Social & Emotional Learning and Academic Development (SELAD) Updates

- Legends CEO James shared high-level details about the Fall SEL survey, intended to capture data about our students' perceptions about their well-being and SEL skills for the school year.
- Legends CEO James acknowledged that as of this date, there had been 1 documented bullying case (in 5<sup>th</sup> grade) and 12 suspensions.

#### Enrollment and Lottery Updates

- Legends CEO James explained details of the school enrollment statistics and results of the PGCPSS SY 2022-2023 Charter School Lottery, where the demand for requested seats far exceeds the available seats within each grade level. This school year, Legends welcomed 7<sup>th</sup> graders to campus, and by the 2023-2024 school year – with the inclusion of 8<sup>th</sup> graders, Legends will be able to execute the official mission of their plans; to have a lower school (grades Kindergarten through 4<sup>th</sup> grades) and an upper school (grades 5-8).
- Legends CEO James acknowledged that as of September 30, 2022, school enrollment was noted at 796 students (out of a desired total of 800 students)

#### Budget Updates

- For the 2022-2023 school year, Legends has received \$13,149 per pupil allotment and are currently at 84 days of cash on hand; far exceeding the required 45 days of cash on hand.

#### Financial Literacy Updates

- Legends CEO James featured Mr. Justin Devose's goals for this school year, which are to increase the number of investment accounts opened, funded, and invested by students and custodial guardians.

#### Human Resources Updates

- Legends CEO James acknowledged the impact that several staff vacancies has on school operations, and noted that there were several that were currently going through PGCPSS school clearance, and waited to be onboarded.

- **Board Response to Academic Briefing**

- Legends Interim Board Chair Strickland expressed appreciation for the in-depth and very thorough presentation by administration and staff.

#### 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 no questions submitted for comment.

#### 6. Legends Public Charter School Board Committee Updates

- Academic Committee: Interim Legends Board Chair Strickland identified that she would be coordinating a walk-through of the school on Friday, November 11 for observation
- Development Committee: Legends Board Member Jordan announced upcoming meetings, in anticipation of planning Legends' 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Charter School Gala
- Governance Committee: Legends Board Member Sims informed the Board that there would be a survey circulated, to complete a Skills Assessment Matrix, to identify characteristics of the Board and highlight the skills needed for recruiting new Board members

## 7. Legends School Announcements

Legends Board Member Sims shared the following school announcements:

- ✓ **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to the scholars and staff celebrating October birthdays
- ✓ **THANK YOU** to all families that are First Responders!
- ✓ Parents and guardians are welcomed back into the school building this year, with completion of the required PGCPs protocols for volunteer training and fingerprinting.
- ✓ School breakfasts and lunches are no longer free this school year; all families are encouraged to complete the Application for Free & Reduced Meals (despite your financial position)
- ✓ The school has introduced the "Spirit Box"; a vending machine that will serve as a school store and encourage entrepreneurial project-based learning for our scholars.
- ✓ The Legends PTO will host monthly meetings on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month at 6p in person (with a virtual option for participation available)
- ✓ Thanks, to everyone who participated in Legends' PTO 1<sup>st</sup> event of the school year – "Trunk or Treat" on October 22 from 11a – 3p

## 8. Motion to Adjourn

Legends Interim Board Chair Strickland asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:23pm. **The motion was moved by Legends Board Member Jordan 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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