



Legends Public Charter Schools

Board Members: Charlette EB Strickland [Interim Chair], LaTasha Baxter, Kalif Gallego, Adia Jordan, John King, Dr. Alexis Kirkland-Miller, Terrelina (Shellie) Sims

Legends School CEO: Atasha James

MINUTES for May 24, 2023
5:30pm

1. Call to Order/ Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 5:35p, 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, 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 Kirkland-Miller and 2nd by Legends Board Member Gallego.** 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 Gallego and 2nd by Legends Board Member Kirkland-Miller.** 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,

Enrollment and Lottery Updates

- Legends CEO James explained high level details of the school enrollment statistics and details of the current PCCPS SY 2023-2024 Charter School Lottery and reported that

there were on target to achieve our goal of 100 new Kindergarten families before the end of the school year.

- The school will host open houses and conduct school tours for incoming and interested families.

Facility Updates

- The school is currently installing solar roof panels, to support the monthly reduction energy costs and school sustainability.

Human Resources Updates

- Legends CEO James acknowledged that Legends School Principal Aldridge will be resigning, and discussed the impact that several staff vacancies have on school operations and noted that there were several that were currently going through PGCPs school clearance and waiting to be onboarded.

School Financial Health

- The Per Pupil allocation for Charter Schools for the 2023-2024 school year is still unknown, making budget forecasting complicated; but the administration is anticipating figures to remain unchanged, until additional information becomes available.
- The school is estimated to have 149 Days of Cash at year's end.

Social & Emotional Learning and Academic Development (SELAD) Updates

- Legends Director of SELAD Devose shared a new initiative coming to the school, Circle Keepers – which is a restorative justice initiative, aimed around relationship building.
- Legends Director of SELAD Devose acknowledged that student support outcomes, response to interventions and how academic support is administered by parents/scholars/teachers/advisors/fellows all work in tandem. She highlighted that there would be classroom-embedded curriculum, which would integrate SEL into daily activities, offering additional tools to identify language and feelings and have age-appropriate modules.

Financial Literacy

- Legends Director of Financial Education Devose discussed initiatives that will continue to reinforce Legend's mission of Open. Fund. Invest. – which is geared towards breaking the chain of generational poverty and building lasting financial legacies for children
- Legends Director of Financial Education Devose shared exciting developments in the creation of financial education resources: "Equity Starts with Me, Now!", a bilingual financial education activity workbook for Pre-K-1st graders available on Amazon and the extension tool for 2nd-4th graders board game (currently under development)

• 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 advance of the meeting, so that the questions can be explored, vetted, and properly responded to. There were no questions submitted for response.

6. Legends Public Charter School Board Committee Updates

- Academic Committee: No report provided.
- Development Committee: Legends Board Member Jordan announced upcoming meetings, in anticipation of planning Legends' 3rd Annual Charter School Gala
- Governance Committee: No report provided.

7. Legends School Announcements

Legends Board Member Sims shared the following school announcements:

- ✓ **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to the scholars and staff who celebrated May and June birthdays!
- ✓ The Legends PTO will host monthly meetings on the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 6p in person (with a virtual option for participation available).
- ✓ Please remember to check ParentSquare for announcements and notices from your Scholar's teachers and school administration.
- ✓ Room Parents...raise your hands! There is a request from Ms. Harris for 7th & 8th grade Room Parents to support teachers with communications, special classroom projects, and to help create a grade-level directory for the upcoming school year.
- ✓ Upcoming School Closings and Important Events, before the end of the School Year:
 - June 1 & 2 – School-Wide Carnival Field Day
 - June 10 – 3rd Annual Charter School Gala
- ✓ **THANK YOU** to PRINCIPAL ALDRIDGE, for all you have done to support the opening and maintenance of Legends Public Charter School. We will miss you!

8. Motion to Adjourn

Legends Interim Board Chair Strickland asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:26pm. **The motion was moved by Legends Board Member Sims and 2nd by Legends Board Member Kirkland-Miller.** All Board members were in favor – with no opposition, and the meeting was so adjourned.

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