



Legends Public Charter Schools

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

Legends School CEO: Atasha James

Legends School Director of Student Affairs: Portia Cameron

MINUTES for April 26, 2023

5:30pm

1. Call to Order/ Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 5:36p, 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 Terrelaine (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 Jordan and 2nd by Legends Board Member Kirkland-Miller.** 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 Jordan 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 Interim Board Chair Strickland 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 Interim Board Chair Strickland explained high level details of the school enrollment statistics and details of the current PGCPS 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.

Human Resources Updates

- Legends Interim Board Chair Strickland acknowledged 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.

Maryland Report Card

- Legends Director of Student Affairs Cameron shared details related to the recent Maryland Report Card for School Year 2022-2023, where Legends received 54.7% of their total possible earned percentage points, and the school is unable to appeal because they are below the required appeal threshold of 60%. This translates into the school needing to adopt a letter-grading system for the balance of the school year for all courses in grades 2-7. Hopefully, this action will provide students with a clear understanding of how their academic progress will impact their school years and also allows for a consistent measure of their academic performance.

Social & Emotional Learning and Academic Development (SELAD) Updates

- Legends Director of SELAD Devose reminded parents and the Legends community to be conscience and aware of social media platforms available to our scholars, for safety and appropriateness concerns.
- 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.

- **Board Response to Academic Briefing**

- Legends Interim Board Chair Strickland expressed appreciation for the in-depth and very thorough presentation by administration and staff and suggested that more information could have been communicated about the changes related to the Maryland Report Card and the introduction of letter grades for younger grades.

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 was 1 question submitted:

- Does Legends have any plans to introduce uniforms for the students. Legends Board Member Sims communicated that Legends has never and does not intend to have students wear uniforms to school.

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 celebrated March and April 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 announcement and notices from your Scholar's teachers and school administration
- ✓ Upcoming School Closings and Important Events, before our next Board Meeting:
 - June 10 – 3rd Annual Charter School Gala
- ✓ Next and Final Open Board Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, May 24, 2023

8. Motion to Adjourn

Legends Interim Board Chair Strickland asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:01pm. **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 oppositions, and the meeting was so adjourned.

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