



**Special Board Meeting (held via Zoom)**

Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

April 3, 2023

5:41PM – 6:15PM

**Members Present:**

James Moore, Chair  
Hector Torres, Treasurer  
Allison R. Kokkoros, Member  
Robbie Dean, Secretary  
Johan Uvin, Member  
Larry Villegas-Pérez, Member  
Yeshimebeth Belay, Member  
Giovanni Delfino, Member

**Members Absent:**

Vilma Rosario, Member  
Teresita Retana Piedra, Member  
Brahim Rawi, Vice Chair

**Staff:**

Robert M. Skelton, General Counsel  
Karla Vasconez, Executive Assistant to the CEO

**Quorum:** Yes

**Welcome & Pre-Meeting Announcements**

Board Chair Jim Moore provided opening comments and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 5:41pm. Mr. Dean called the roll.

**Review of Agenda**

Mr. Moore asked if there were any proposed changes to the agenda previously sent to the Board. Board members did not propose any changes to the agenda.

**Governance & Nominating Committee Report**

Mr. Dean stated that in January, the Governance and Nominating Committee began the process to recruit a student board member who would replace Brahim Rawi on the Board of Trustees. Mr. Rawi's term had expired on December 31, 2022, but he agreed to continue until his successor was elected.

- The request for nominations described the duties required of the board member as well as the time commitment expected of each board member. The call also specified that each board member is expected to serve on two board committees.

- The request for nominations was announced to all students. The Committee also asked the two school principals, the Student Services Department and the CEO for suggestions on possible candidates.
- The Committee received three nominations for the student board member. The Committee interviewed each candidate and were very impressed with them. The Committee decided to recommend that Ana Mejia be elected as the student board member.

### **Closed Session**

Mr. Moore noted the next item on the agenda is slated for closed session, citing the DC Code provisions for doing so:

- Discussion in closed session pursuant to DC Code § 2-575(b)(10) –personnel matters including review of a proposed new student board member and committee assignments.

Mr. Torres made a motion to approve entering the closed session for the stated purpose. Mr. Uvin seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted to approve entering the closed session as proposed. The Board voted unanimously to enter closed session. Following the vote, the Board entered closed session.

Following the closed session, the Board returned to the open meeting at about 6:10pm.

### **Open Meeting**

Mr. Moore noted that the Board had discussed Ms. Mejia’s qualifications for membership on the Board of Trustees, and asked for a motion to elect Ms. Mejia as a student board member. Mr. Dean moved to approve the election of Ms. Mejia as a student board member, and that Ms. Mejia be appointed to the Governance and Nominating Committee and the Finance & Development Committee. Ms. Kokkoros seconded the motion. Mr. Dean conducted a roll call vote, and the motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. Torres also thanked the Committee for its work.

### **New Business**

- There was no new business.

### **Adjourn**

Mr. Moore adjourned the meeting at 6:15 PM.

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Respectfully submitted by Robert Dean, Board Secretary