

Caniff Liberty Academy
Board of Directors
Regular Board Meeting
Minutes

Date: Wednesday, February 21, 2024
Time: 6:00 pm
Location: Caniff Liberty Academy
2650 Caniff St.
Hamtramck, MI 48212

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by President Abu-Shanab.

Roll Call

A roll call was taken. The following board members were in attendance:

Present – Mr. Abu-Shanab, President
Present - Mr. Ali Al-Zaqzuq, Treasurer
Absent (Excused) – Mr. Imad Hamad, Secretary
Present – Mr. Qurban Choudhury, Member (Arrived at 6:08 pm)
Present – Dr. Elmoataz Ibrahim, Member

A quorum was in attendance to conduct business.

Also in attendance were the following individuals:

Dr. Azra Ali, EMAN
Dr. Lorilyn Coggins, EMAN
Dr. Latacha King, Oakland University Charter Schools Office
Dr. Albert Hodge, LIFT

Approval of Agenda

It was moved by Mr. Abu-Shanab and seconded by Dr. Ibrahim to approve the agenda as amended, adding a presentation by LIFT. The vote was unanimous (3/0) in favor of the motion (Ayes – Abu-Shanab, Al-Zaqzuq and Ibrahim). Motion passed - Agenda approved.

No board member indicated having a conflict of interest with respect to any agenda item.

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Mr. Abu-Shanab and seconded by Mr. Al-Zaqzuq to approve the minutes of the Meeting held on January 17, 2024, as read. The vote was unanimous (3/0) in favor of the motion (Ayes – Abu-Shanab, Al-Zaqzuq, and Ibrahim). Motion passed - Minutes approved.

Public Comment Relating to Agenda Items

No public comment was provided.

Presentation

Dr. Albert Hodge from the Lift organization provided a presentation on the LIFT program and its mission to provide alternative routes to teacher certification.

Correspondence

Correspondence from Oakland University was received noting the expiration of terms for Mr. Abu-Shanab and Mr. Hamad.

Correspondence from Oakland University was also received regarding the upcoming National Charter Schools Conference to be held in late June in Boston. It was noted that Mr. Hamad has expressed an interest in attending.

Reports

Dr. Ali welcomed the board to the February meeting and then provided highlights of the written management company report including updates on the assessment program noting that kindergarten appears to be the grade level that is struggling the most with academic growth and reporting that interventions have been planned with available funding.

Dr. Coggins summarized the January financial reports noting cash on hand, fund balance, and actual to budget percentages for both revenues and expenditures.

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business to come before the Board.

New Business

It was moved by Mr. Abu-Shanab and seconded by Dr. Ibrahim to approve the financial reports as presented. The vote was unanimous (4/0) in favor of the motion (Ayes – Abu-Shanab, Al-Zaazuq, Ibrahim and Choudhury). Motion passed – Financial Reports approved.

It was moved by Mr. Abu-Shanab and seconded by Dr. Ibrahim to adopt the Board Membership Resolution as presented. The vote was 4/0 in favor of the motion (Ayes – Abu-Shanab, Al-Zaazuq, Ibrahim, and Choudhury). Motion passed – Board Membership Resolution adopted.

Authorizer Comments

The February Board Briefs were provided to the Board.

Dr. King brought comments to the Board from Oakland University and reported on the upcoming Board Appreciation Dinner and the annual National Charter Schools Conference.

Other Business

No other business came before the Board.

Extended Public Comments

There was no extended public comment.

Closing Items

The next meeting was announced for Wednesday, March 20, 2024. Mr. Al-Zaqzuq noted that he might not be available.

It was moved by Mr. Al-Zaqzuq and seconded by Dr. Ibrahim that the meeting be adjourned at 6:58 p.m. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion. Motion passed – Meeting Adjourned.

I certify that these minutes were approved [☒] as read, [☐] as corrected, by the Academy Board at a duly noticed open meeting held on March 20, 2024 at which a quorum was present.

By:

Its: Secretary

