

**Minutes of the Meeting of
The Davidson Academy of Nevada
Governing Board
November 9, 2015**

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Governing Board was called to order at 2:00 p.m. in the Tahoe Room of The Davidson Academy of Nevada located at 1164 N. Virginia St., Reno, Nevada, 89503.

A. Roll Call

Roll call was completed by Chair of the Meeting, Mark Herron. Roger Davidson, Bruce James, Annette Whittemore, Brian Krolicki and Colleen Harsin were present. Ms. Patricia Richard, Marc Johnson's Chief of Staff, attended in his absence. Bob Davidson, Traci Davis and Steve Canavero were not present.

B. Welcome and Introductions

Mark Herron welcomed all Board members who were present at the meeting as well as those attending from the public.

C. Public Comments

There were no public comments at this time.

D. Approval of Minutes for Meeting of September 15, 2015

Mark Herron requested approval of the minutes for the meeting of September 15, 2015, under Tab 1 of the Board books (incorporated herein by reference). Motion was made and seconded for approval of the minutes as submitted. There was no discussion and the motion carried unanimously.

E. Approval of Agenda

Mark Herron requested approval of the Agenda and asked to move the General Business items to the beginning of the meeting. Motion was made and seconded for approval of the meeting Agenda as requested by Mr. Herron. There was no further discussion and the motion carried unanimously.

F. Reports

1. Academy Director

a. General Program Updates

Colleen Harsin announced to the Board that Director of Curriculum & Instruction, Carmen Garcia had passed away on October 3, 2015. Her memorial was held at The Academy with many students, staff and parents in attendance as well as Ms. Garcia's mother and half-sister. Long time close friend and Academy colleague, Erin Vienneau was the lead person on coordinating and arranging for Ms. Garcia's care. While Ms. Garcia's is greatly missed, Ms. Harsin shared that that it was Ms. Garcia's wish that we all keep the Academy going strong and that she reported her time at the Academy were the best 10 years of her life. Everyone is doing well and the larger Academy Community is sharing an amazing show of care and support.

Brian Krolicki asked if it can be considered that something in addition to the memorial service be done to further elevate Ms. Garcia's memory such as a Carmen Garcia Day or scholarship. He indicated he would be willing to help with this effort. Ms. Harsin thanked him for his thoughts and indicated that more time was needed to consider all options.

Ms. Harsin referred Board members to Tab 2 of their Board materials for a copy of a letter from Stanford University's Teacher Tribute Initiative which was awarded to Carmen Garcia as nominated by Davidson Academy Graduate and Davidson Fellow, Grace Hong. Ms. Garcia was

awarded certificate of recognition from the program for her meaningful impact on the lives and education of Davidson Academy students.

Ms. Harsin provided Board members with a copy of the Academy's state Accountability Report Card for 2014-2015 as part of their materials (incorporated herein by reference). She confirmed that the information included highlights and areas for growth consistent with areas identified in the context of the Academy's recent accreditation renewal through AdvancED. The Academy maintains a 5-star rating for middle and high school according to the Nevada Performance Framework.

Also included in their Board materials (incorporated herein by reference) was and Alternative Schedule Report. The only schedule change included was adding two days to the end of the school year to accommodate state testing following completion of the finals schedule.

Ms. Harsin confirmed that she had forwarded a copy of the action plan for The Davidson National Academy by email following the last Governing Board meeting. She confirmed that plans are moving forward with AdvancED communications, and with more non-credit online middle school course offerings for the 2016-2017 school year with a full high school diploma option offered in 2017-2018.

b. College Planning Updates

Concerning college planning, Ms. Harsin referred Board members to their Board materials for copies of letters from the University of Nevada, Reno Honors program, National Merit and congratulatory letter from DECA (incorporated herein by reference). Davidson Academy graduates Juliana Bogert and Divya Tenneti were accepted to the Honors program at the University of Nevada, Reno. Juliana Anderson, Amanda Bak, Addison Cram, Forrest Karo and Valary Zvyagin were recognized as Commended students in the 2016 National Merit Program.

Ms. Harsin advised that the 26 proposed graduates for 2016 were in the process of submitting college and university applications. Twenty-one of them had applied for nonbinding early action and binding early action decisions. She expected to have decision information available at the next meeting of the Board.

2. Media and Outreach

Julie Dudley, Director for Davidson Institute for Talent Development, referred Board members to a summary of Media and Outreach updates included their Board materials (incorporated herein by reference). The anticipated CNN piece should air Nov. 28 and was available for viewing via a link that had been emailed to all Board members. A DVD of the clip was shown at the conclusion of the meeting. Also included was a blog placement by the Director of the Belin-Blank Center titled "Message from the Director: Overcoming Inertia" (incorporated herein by reference).

G. Correspondence

There was no correspondence received by the Board for this meeting.

H. Public Comments

There were no public comments at this time.

I. General Business

1. Approval of Revised Fiscal Budget for fiscal year 2016/2016 per LCB File No. R026-09 Sect. 35(7)

Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, Mark Herron referred Board members to a copy of the revised budget provided in their Board materials (incorporated herein by reference). He advised that each year the state requires presentation and approval of a revised budget based on knowledge of material changes. In May 2015 the original budget was based on an estimated enrollment of 150 students. The budget was revised to reflect an actual student count of 156.

Additionally, the budget was revised to reflect a slightly lower amount in DSA funding of approximately \$200 per student. There were no changes to net assets or expenses.

Mr. Herron requested approval of the revised budget as submitted. Motion was made and seconded for approval of the revised 2015/2016 fiscal budget. There was no discussion and the motion carried unanimously.

2. Graduates, Class of 2016

Academy Director, Colleen Harsin referred Board members to a list of proposed 2016 graduates (incorporated herein by reference). She advised that this was a strong class and included 26 students on track for completion of requirements for graduation.

Ms. Harsin requested Board approval for graduation of the listed students subject to completion of all requirements. Motion was made and seconded. There was no discussion and the motion carried unanimously.

J. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board in public meeting, motion was made and seconded for adjournment; motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.



Respectfully submitted by Colleen Harsin, Clerk of the Board