

Board Meeting Minutes
Date: 12/14/2022
Time: 6:04 p.m. – 7:17 p.m.
The Early College of Arvada
4905 W 60th Ave, Arvada, CO 80003

Board Members Present: Sharad Agarwal, Danny Martinez, Margaret McLaughlin, Holly Peterson, Sohini Bandopadhyay, Emily McLaughlin, Josephine Ampaw Greene, Janice Anderson (**Quorum Present**)

Guests: Ryan Marks, Colin Phillips, Sam Fowler, Rick Heroff

- I. Call to Order & Introductions (5 min)
 - a. The meeting was called to order by Margaret McLaughlin.
 - b. The meeting began at 6:07 p.m.
- II. Approval of Agenda
 - a. Sharad Agarwal moved to approve.
 - b. Sohini Bandopadhyay seconded.
- III. Public Comment
 - a. Margaret McLaughlin called for public comment
 - b. No comments
- IV. Board Education Session – (40 min)
 - a. Ryan Marks, Chief of Authorizing & Accountability, Charter School Institute (CSI) presented the results of the CSI Annual Review of Schools (CARS) report for ECA.
 - b. Mr. Marks discussed interpretation, analysis, and application of the information.
- V. Board Work Session – (50 min)
 - a. School Update
 - i. Rick Heroff gave a status report on staffing, school morale and school culture.
 - b. Enrollment
 - i. Sam Fowler gave a status report on marketing efforts, student recruiting, and student retention.
 - c. Board Updates – Margaret
 - i. Margaret McLaughlin gave a status report on meeting with Colorado Early College staff members concerning merger possibilities.
 - d. Committee Reports
 - i. Finance
 1. Sharad Agarwal gave a status update on fund balance
 2. Emily McLaughlin and Sharad Agarwal gave an update on options to retain or sell the building.
 - ii. Strategic Planning
 1. No updates.
 - iii. Policy – Holly
 1. No updates.
 - iv. Culture Committee
 1. Josephine Ampaw Greene presented a proposal to rename and refocus this committee.

2. Ms. Ampaw Greene requested more time to discuss/educate.

- VI. Executive Session – Standing Item
 - a. (The Board may vote to recess into executive session pursuant to Colorado’s Open Meetings Law, specifically, C.R.S. §24-6-402(3)(a) and (b), C.R.S. to: a. Confer with The Early College of Arvada’s attorney concerning a dispute involving ECA that is the subject of pending or imminent court action (C.R.S. §24-6-402(3)(a)(II)); b. Confer with the ECA’s Board’s attorney concerning a specific claim or grievance (C.R.S. §24-6-402(3)(a)(II)); c. Confer with the ECA’s Board’s attorney for legal advice on specific legal questions (C.R.S. §24-6-402(3)(a)(II)); d. Discuss a personnel matter pursuant to C.R.S. §24-6-402(3)(b)(I).)
- VII. Board Action Items (10 mins)
 - a. Approve November Minutes
 - i. Sharad Agarwal moved to approve; Emily McLaughlin seconded
 - ii. Motion passed.
- VIII. Other Business
 - a. Margaret McLaughlin gave a book to each board member.
 - b. Add Josephine Ampaw Greene cultural education to JAN agenda.
- IX. Adjournment
 - a. Josie Ampaw Greene moved to adjourn the meeting. Holly Peterson seconded.
 - b. The motion passed unanimously.
 - c. Meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

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