

**EINSTEIN GROUP INC.**  
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**NEW ORLEANS, LA 70128**

- **Board Meeting**, Friday, May 4, 2018, 9:30 AM, Library, Einstein Charter School at Sherwood Forest
- **CEO Search Committee**, Friday May, 4, 2018, 10:00 AM, Library, Einstein Charter School at Sherwood Forest
- **Governance Committee**, Friday May, 4, 2018, 10:30 AM, Library, Einstein Charter School at Sherwood Forest

## **MINUTES**

**Board Present:** Durrell Laurent, Lauren Narcisse, Chris Bowman, Angela Vance

**Board Excused:** Clarice Kirkland, Maya Edwards, Sarah Dawkins

**Staff Present:** Dan Davis, Martha McKnight, Phong Tran, Douglas Guidry, Anna Caminita, Darius Manchack, April Caterella, Nathan Stockman, Shimon Ancker

Members of the public

Chris Bowman called the meeting to order at 9:48 and Martha McKnight called the role. Durrell Laurent made the motion to adopt the April minutes and Angela Vance seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Interim CEO, Dan Davis, reported on Einstein's operations and long term planning. The staff is concentrating on helping our students to finish the academic year with strength. The lawsuit has been resolved as has the revocation process. The US Department of Education approved EGI for our fourth year of funding. Neighborhood power outages have affected student testing, but all tests should be completed on Monday. The CMO is working on restructuring the organization to better serve students, retain teachers, and live within our means. As part of this process, 118 teachers voted to change from a 10 to a 12 month pay schedule. Only 10 wanted things to stay as they were. We are currently in the budgeting process for next year and are planning the board retreat. The CMO has also begun sending weekly letters to parents. We will be host a facilitated parent listening session on Saturday, May 19th 9:30-12:00 at Sherwood Forest. OPSB held their promised forum at Sherwood but parents did not get to participate. In August the board will resume evening meetings so parents can participate more easily. Mr. Davis reported briefly on his meetings OPSB, RSD, and New Schools for New Orleans.

The CAO, Dr. Caminita, reported on all test results available to date and summer planning. Her report is attached.

Angela Vane made a motion to amend the agenda and Durrell Laurent seconded. There being no public comment, the board voted unanimously to amend the agenda and enter executive session at 10:14 AM. Laurent made the motion to leave executive session; Narcisse seconded; and the board unanimously voted to leave at executive session at 11:14 AM.

The regular board meeting resumed at 11:19 AM. The DCEO reported a single testing irregularity which is being addressed. Dan and the principals are dealing with bussing directly. In fairness to families with multiple children, EGI is considering bussing for the high school.

The CFO presented the Monthly Financial Report. The financial office processed over \$400,000 in receivables in April. 380,000 remains outstanding from LDOE and OPSB. EGI will request \$554,000 in reimbursements by the end of June. after the funds expended. Repayment to the Walton Foundation has been made. EGI Budget hearing will likely be in June, but there is still lots of work to be done. It must be advertised fore review 10 days in advance. LDOE requests all budgets be submitted by July 31st.

Bowman made a motion to adjust the salary of the Interim CEO and CAO as discussed in executive session. Vance seconded and there being no public comment the board members voted unanimously in favor.

Parents present made statements in support of providing bus transportation for all EGI students. They also asked about the possibility of a transportation partnership to better enable students to attend College Track.

There being no further business, Vance moved that the meeting be adjourned and Narcisse seconded. The board voted unanimously to adjourn at 11:32 P.M.

EGI's Governance Committee was called to order at 11:38 PM by chairman Durrell Laurent. He reminded the board that new officers would need to be elected in June at the retreat as the board does not meet in July. EGI staff will poll board members regarding a regular day and time in the evening to meet. The committee will meet separately to discuss officers and potential new members. Narcisse moved to adjourn; Laurent seconded; the committee voted unanimously to adjourn at 11:48 PM.

Narcisse was the only member of the CEO Search Committee present as Kirkland and Dawkins were out of town. The upcoming board retreat will offer the opportunity to think about the ideal candidate as part of EGI's strategic planning. Narcisse is gathering is best practices for this process and weighing the value of a search firm. The process should be transparent and parents should have

input. Narcisse moved for adjournment; Vance seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 noon.