

# LEARN ILLINOIS CHARTER SCHOOL

## Board of Directors Meeting Minutes Virtual

### Meeting/Conference Call

June 3, 2022

APPROVED – 9.16.22. REVISED – 10.12.23

### REVISIONS TO BE APPROVED AT THE 12.8.23 BOARD MEETING

**Board of Trustees:** Vineeta Raketich, Katie MacCarthy, Susan Snyder, Vinni Hall, Chuck Campbell, Jancie Lucchesi, Aaron Clubb

**LEARN Network Staff:** Gregory White, Donna Moore, April Wozniak, Shiyi Gorden, Jerrold Washington, Sabrina King

- I. **Public Comments:** An open session was available. No public comments were made.
- II. **Executive Session:** President and CEO Greg White gave an update from his CEO report for Board Members. Updates included the roll out of a new compensation structure for staff, student enrollment projections, and recruitment of the LEARN DC board.
- III. **Call to Order:** Board President Raketich motioned to call the meeting to order at 8:15 AM CST.
- IV. **Committee Reports:** The Board reviewed and discussed reports from the following committees:
  - Development Committee** – The Development Committee discussed progress toward the \$5 million fundraising goal, as well as progress toward the campaign.
  - Finance Committee** – The Finance Committee discussed the financial summary for the nine months ending 3.31.22 and real estate projects. Donna Moore reviewed financial results for the nine months ended March 31, 2022.
  - Academic Achievement Committee** – The Academic Achievement Committee shared trend results from comparing data from 2018-19 to 2021-22, and discussed current open staff positions.
- V. **Old Business:** Shiyi Gorden provided a detailed update on LEARN's progress in Washington, D.C.
- VI. **New Business:** Greg White provided an update regarding the new Board Member search.
- VII. **Board Approval Items:** Vineeta Raketich requested Board approval of the following items:
  - Board Meeting Minutes for 3.4.22 and 4.23.22
  - The Board approved all items listed above.
- VIII. **Adjournment:** Board President Raketich moved to adjourn the meeting. Adjourned at 10:30 AM CST.

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## Board of Directors Meeting Minutes Virtual

### Meeting/Conference Call

September 16, 2022

APPROVED – 12.9.22. REVISED – 10.12.23

### REVISIONS TO BE APPROVED AT THE 12.8.23 BOARD MEETING

**Board of Trustees:** Vineeta Raketich, Jancie Lucchesi, Aaron Clubb, Katie MacCarthy, Daryl Cobb, Vinni Hall, Alicia Coleman, Marco Quintana, Susan Snyder, Brian Balusek

**LEARN Network Staff:** Gregory White, Donna Moore, Sabrina King, Jerrold Washington, Kristen Denison, Shiyi Van Gorden, April Wozniak

- I. **Public Comments:** An open session was available. No public comments were made.
- II. **Executive Session:** President and CEO Greg White gave an update from his CEO report for Board Members. Updates included real estate projects in Waukegan, Hunter Perkins and Washington DC, as well recent leadership hires.
- III. **Call to Order:** Board President Raketich motioned to call the meeting to order at 7:45 AM CST.
- IV. **Committee Reports:** The Board reviewed and discussed reports from the following committees:
  - Governance Committee** – discussed new board membership and potential board candidates.
  - Finance Committee** – discussed the financial summary for the fiscal year nine months ending 6.30.22, real estate projects and projected student enrollment for the SY22-23.
  - Academic Achievement Committee** –discussed academic achievement learning loss due to the pandemic and strategies to address this. The board also discussed national trends and challenges with the staff turnover and teacher shortage.
  - Development Committee** –discussed the fundraising success for FY22, as well as the \$5 M fundraising goal for FY23 and upcoming donor engagement events.
- V. **Board Approval Items:** Vineeta Raketich requested Board approval of the following items:
  - Board Meeting Minutes for 6.3.22
  - Resolution to approve LEARN 9 consolidated district plan
  - LEARN DC Academic Goals
  - Proceeding with Phase 1 of the Waukegan expansion
  - Delaying the expansion of Hunter Perkins campus
  - The Board approved all items listed above.
- VI. **New Business:** Kristen Denison led a discussion on LEARN hiring a political consultant.
- VII. **Old Business:** Kristen Denison provided the Board an update on LEARN DC's progress.

- VIII. Board Education:** The Board met two of LEARN's Principals, Adam Sparks (Huner Perkins) and Sharon Michaels (LEARN DC).
- IX. Adjournment:** Board President Raketich moved to adjourn the meeting. Adjourned at 10:22 AM CST.

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## Board of Directors Meeting Minutes Virtual Meeting/Conference Call

December 9, 2022

APPROVED – 3.10.22. REVISED – 10.12.23

### REVISIONS TO BE APPROVED AT THE 12.8.23 BOARD MEETING

**Board of Trustees:** Vineeta Raketich, Jancie Lucchesi, Chuck Campbell, Katie MacCarthy, Vinni Hall, Marco Quintana, Susan Snyder

**LEARN Network Staff:** Gregory White, Donna Moore, Sabrina King, Jerrold Washington, Kristen Denison, Shiyi Van Gorden, April Wozniak

- I. **Public Comments:** An open session was available. No public comments were made.
- II. **Executive Session:** President and CEO Greg White gave an update from his CEO report for Board Members, including hiring of a lobbyist, Sekou Robertson's Principal of the Year award, and LEARN 9's exemplary rating by ISBE.
- III. **Call to Order:** Board President Raketich motioned to call the meeting to order at 7:55 AM CST.
- IV. **Committee Reports:** The Board reviewed and discussed reports from the following committees:
  - Governance Committee** – discussed new board member pipeline and board and committee leadership, and board compliance with statutory requirements.
  - Finance Committee** – discussed financial summary for the first quarter ending 9.30.22 and real estate project costs.
  - Academic Achievement Committee** – discussed results from the 2021-22 Illinois Assessment of Readiness exam. LEARN 9 was rated as exemplar by ISBE. Discussion topics also included the staff retention rate and strategies to retain top talent.
  - Development Committee** – discussed the recent \$7 million donation from MacKenzie Scott and provided an update on fundraising activities.
- V. **Board Approval Items:** Vineeta Raketich requested Board approval of the following items:
  - Board Meeting Minutes for 9.16.22
  - Modular expansion with additional trailers for LEARN DC.
  - The Board approved all items listed above.
- VI. **New Business:** No new business was brought to the board.
- VII. **Old Business:** Greg White and Kristen Denison led a conversation about the LEARN/D187 settlement proposal and the LEARN DC modular expansion.

- VIII. Board Education:** The Board met with Attorney Lisa Scruggs to discuss Chicago Public Schools Renewal, D187 Contract and Opens Meeting Act.
- IX. Adjournment:** Board member, Vinni Hall, moved to adjourn. The Board adjourned at 10:37 AM CST.

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## Board of Directors Meeting Minutes Virtual Meeting/Conference Call

March 10, 2023

APPROVED – 6.9.23. REVISED – 10.12.23

### REVISIONS TO BE APPROVED AT THE 12.8.23 BOARD MEETING

**Board of Trustees:** Vineeta Raketich, Jancie Lucchesi, Katie MacCarthy, Vinni Hall, Marco Quintana, Susan Snyder

**LEARN Network Staff:** Gregory White, Donna Moore, Sabrina King, Jerrold Washington, April Wozniak

- I. **Public Comments:** An open session was available. No public comments were made.
- II. **Executive Session:** President and CEO Greg White gave an update from his CEO report for Board Members. Updates included modular expansion at LEARN DC, LEARN DC parent engagement, and school safety investments.
- III. **Call to Order:** Board President Raketich motioned to call the meeting to order at 7:45 AM CST.
- IV. **Committee Reports:** The Board reviewed and discussed reports from the following committees:  
**Governance Committee** – discussed potential new board members and board member engagement, as well as the upcoming board retreat.  
**Finance Committee** – discussed the financial summary for the second quarter ending 12.31.22  
**Academic Achievement Committee** – discussed ISBE’s school rating system and strategies to improve LEARN ratings to commendable and exemplar.  
**Development Committee** – discussed fundraising progress toward the annual fundraising goal and the campaign.
- V. **Board Approval Items:** Vineeta Raketich requested Board approval of the following items:
  - Board Meeting Minutes for 12.9.22
  - The Board approved all items listed above.
- VI. **New Business:** Kristen Denison and Greg White gave an overview of the changing political environment as it relates to the LEARN Charter School Network.
- VII. **Old Business:** Kristen Denison gave an update on the capital request to the state regarding LEARN 9 and Hunter Perkins. Greg White gave an update on the LEARN 9 construction project.
- VIII. **Board Education:** No board education items were discussed
- IX. **Adjournment:** Board Chair, Vineeta Raketich moved to adjourn. The Board adjourned at 10:03 AM CST.