

**The College Preparatory & Leadership Academy
Board of Directors Meeting
Via Zoom Video Conference
January 21, 2023 at 9:00am**

Members Present: K. Grier (chair), T. Johnson, Dr. T. Turner, Dr. E. Varnado, M. Brandon, Dr. M. Meggs, Dr. M. Johnson (non-voting)

Members Absent: Dr. Linda McRae

Others Present: None

Public Comments: None

Approval of Minutes

Dr. Turner moved, Dr. Meggs seconded to approve the minutes from the announced call board meeting on 11/12/2022. Approved.

Superintendent Update

- The school received official confirmation from NCDPI of its 100% Graduation Rate. The school has maintained a 100% graduation rate since the high school's first graduating class.
- The school received official confirmation from NCDPI that it Exceeded Growth academically this year.
- Dr. Johnson just returned from her second trip with the Manati Fellowship—an all-expense-paid fellowship to network with other school leaders of color and see other schools across the country. This session focused on fundraising.
- The school's official ADM is 821, which is excellent. Many schools are struggling with enrollment post pandemic.
- The school has submitted a projected enrollment for FY2023 of 900. To make this projection, the increased enrollment will be in the high school grades where there is more physical space. The elementary school and middle school are now operating at their physical capacity.
- The ribbon-cutting ceremony for our new STEM Center is Monday at 10am.
- Dr. Johnson shared the Performance Framework from NCDPI for 2021-2022.
- Dr. Johnson shared a personnel/staffing report. Despite the nationwide, statewide, and regional educator shortage, CPLA is doing well with recruiting and retaining teachers.

Dr. Varnado moved, Dr. Turner seconded to ratify the current faculty and staff. Approved.

Finance Report

- T. Johnson shared the Budget v. Actual report YTD through January, along with proposed budget amendments based on the State's passed budget, revised planning allotments for federal grants, and revised spending projections.
- T. Johnson reviewed the financial audit that was distributed to all board members. The audited financial statements show a positive cash flow and no findings.
- The activity bus will be ready in the next couple of weeks for the school to take possession.
- The scheduled Administrative Review for the School Nutrition program is next week.

Dr. Turner moved, Dr. Meggs seconded to approve the Superintendent's Report and the Finance Report. Approved.

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Board Training

- Chairman Grier asks board members to read Ch. 1 and Ch. 3 in *Getting Started with Policy Governance* by Caroline Oliver.

Dr. Varnado moved, Dr. Turner seconded to adjourn. Approved.

The meeting adjourned at 10:29 am.