Valor Academy, Inc.

Meeting Minutes

February 20, 2024

1330 Atcheson St. Columbus, Ohio 43203

Videoconference, Zoom Link (optional for non-board members)

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The meeting was called to order at 7:00 AM

1. Roll Call

Board Members Present:

David Jones, President Sean Patterson, Vice President Dwight Anstaett, Secretary Jevon Collins, Director Andrew Fox, Treasurer

Attendees:

Howard Marzolf, Verano
Nikki Hofman, Verano
Dan Mahlandt, Superintendent
Marvis McGowan, Executive Director
Rodney Harris, Valor
Tara Jones, OCCS
Lenny Schafer, OCCS
Becky Enz, Esq., Amy Goodson Co., Board Legal Counsel
David Lamoda-Genêt, Fiscal Officer Representative
Tony Cardinal, OCCS

2. Public Comment

None.

3. Review of Agenda

4. Action and Discussion Items

A. Approval of January 16, 2024, minutes

The board reviewed the minutes; no modifications were requested.

24-06 RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors approves the January 16, 2024, meeting minutes as presented.

Motion: Mr. Patterson Second: Mr. Fox

Ayes: 5 Opposed: 0

B. Financial Report

Federal Subgrant Expenditures

Mr. Lamoda-Genêt gave the financial report as of January 31, 2024, and discussed cash balances and revenues and expenses. The net position was negative in January. He reviewed ESSER funds and reminded that they need to be spent by September 2024. The audit is complete, but has not yet been released.

24-07 RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors approves and adopts financial report, including the federal subgrant expenditures, as presented.

Motion: Mr. Patterson Second: Mr. Anstaett

Ayes: 5 Opposed: 0

C. State of the School Report

- Number of Suspensions and Expulsions
- Staff Changes
- Residency Verification (February)
- Update on PII grant

Mr. McGowan presented the school report and discussed enrollment (93) and partnerships. The staff completed A.L.I.C.E. training and the emergency management plan has been updated.

24-08 RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors accepts the State of the School Report as presented, including the number of suspensions and expulsions, staff changes, and the February residency verification.

Motion: Mr. Fox Second: Mr. Collins

Ayes: 5 Opposed: 0

D. Racial and Ethnic Balance

The board reviewed the school's Racial and Ethnic Balance report.

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has assessed the racial and ethnic balance of the school in accordance with its Sponsorship contract;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors finds that the School's racial and ethnic balance is reasonably comparable to that of the community it serves.

Motion: Mr. Fox Second: Mr. Collins

Ayes: 5 Opposed: 0

E. Homeless Student Policy

The board discussed the revised Homeless Student Policy.

24-09 RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors approves and adopts the Homeless Student Policy as presented.

Motion: Mr. Fox Second: Mr. Collins

Ayes: 5 Opposed: 0

F. 2024-2025 School Year Calendar and Discussion on Transportation Plan

The board reviewed the proposed 2024-2025 School Calendar and discussed the Transportation Plan.

24-10 RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors approves and adopts the proposed 2024-2025 school year calendar and authorizes the school leader to submit a transportation plan to the local districts prior to the April 1, 2024, deadline.

Motion: Mr. Collins Second: Mr. Anstaett

Ayes: 5 Opposed: 0

G. Management Status Update

Mr. Schafer discussed the status on the search for new management. Academica, an experienced charter school management company, is coming to visit this week. He also discussed when parents should be notified. The board discussed their concerns with staffing.

5. Informational Reports

A. Legal Update

Ms. Enz provided the legal update.

B. Sponsor Update

Ms. Jones gave the sponsor update. The emergency management plan is complete and a file review has been conducted. Mr. Schafer announced that Mr. Patterson is joining the OCCS board starting next year. Mr. Patterson discussed a potential new board member for Valor.

Confirmation of Next Meetings: March 19, 2024, at 7:00 AM

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6. Adjournment 7:30 AM

Motion: Mr. Collins Second: Mr. Fox

Approved by Valor Academy, Inc., Board of Directors on	March 19 ,2024.	
Docusigned by:	3/19/2024	
Board President/Secretary	Date	