



Board of Directors, Meeting Notes

February 19, 2019

Location: CICS Network Office – 11 E Adams – 3rd Floor (Room 301)

Time: 4:00 PM–6:00 PM

- I. Introduction (4:00-4:05) – Laura Thonn
 - a. Board Members: Laura Thonn, David Blinderman, David Chizewer, Violet Clark, Aylon Samouha, Brian Novelline and Elizabeth Shaw
Absent: Catherine Gottfred
 - b. Visitors: Stephen McClain, Empowered Community Schools; Stephen Crosier, ChicagoRise; Scott Frauenheim, Distinctive Schools; LeeAndra Khan, Lahari Goud, Civitas Education Partners, Angela Montagna Holmes, Mike Sullivan (Goldberg Kohn), Matthew Wienclawski, Karoncla Locust, and TaSchaunda Hall
 - c. CICS Staff: Paul Boye, Kathleen Clarke, Darrious Hilmon, Christine Leung, Eric Lavin, Sofia Mendez, Yesica Rufino, Luis Sanchez, Meghan Schmidt, Neil Shah and Laurie ShoulterKarall.

- II. Public Comment (4:05- 4:15)
 - a. Public comment from Matthew Wienclawski re: employment opportunities with CICS, Karoncla Locust (CICS parent) re: high school student making up time lost from strike and TaSchaundra Hall (CICS parent) re: concerned with lost learning time for her student

- III. Approval of previous meeting minutes (4:15- 4:20)
 - a. A motion was made by Aylon Samouha to approve board meeting minutes from December 11, 2018. Motion was seconded by David Blinderman, and Board Minutes were approved.

Decision was made by the Board to move the closed session to the end of the meeting.

- IV. CEO Report (4:20-4:50)—Elizabeth Shaw
 - a. Elizabeth discussed the outcomes of the strike for CICS.
 - b. LeeAndra Khan (Civitas) discussed her role in the negotiations and resolution of the strike for the four schools Civitas manages.
 - c. Final brief discussion about reconciliation efforts moving forward.

- V. Education Entrepreneurship Fellowship Update (4:50-5:00)—Paul Boye
 - a. Launch of our 2019 Fellows
 - a. Introduction of Fellows to Board in June
 - b. Focus on micro school models
 - c. Core competency structure including the key gates and deliverables

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- VI. Board Development (5:00-5:10)—Laura Thonn
 - a. Discussion of building out the capabilities of the Board
 - a. Efforts working with Charter Board Partners
 - b. Goal to expand board by end of June

- VII. Closed Session (5:10-6:00)
 - a. A motion was made by David Blinderman to move to Closed Session under Sec. 2 paragraph c 2 and c 11. Aylon Samouha seconded. Moved to closed session.
 - b. No actions were taken.

- VIII. Adjourn (6:00)
 - a. A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. Motion made by Laura Thonn and seconded by Aylon Samouha. Approved by all.