



Board of Directors, Meeting Notes

June 20, 2017

Location: 11 East Ave, Suite 600 • Chicago, IL 60603

Time: 3:30PM -5:30 PM

I. Introduction

- a. Board Members: Laura Thonn, David Chizewer, Violet Clark, Tom Nieman, David Blinderman, Kate Gottfred and Alberta Johnson
- b. Visitors: Scott Frauenheim (DS), Jen Ferrari, (DS), David Sundstrom (DS) LeeAndra Khan (CEP), Brian Novelline (prospective Board Member)
- c. CICS Staff: Elizabeth Shaw, Mike Bower, Kathleen Clarke, Meghan Schmidt and Rhonda Kochlefl

II. Public Comment (3:35-3:45):

- a. No Public.

III. Approval of previous meeting minutes (3:45-3:55)

- a. A motion was made to approve board meeting minutes from April and May. Motion made by Laura Thonn and seconded by David Chizewer. Approved by all.

IV. Voting Items

- a. Board Term Limits
 - A motion was made to approve new board term (3 years) for Kattie Gottfred and Alberta Johnson. Motion made by Tom Nieman and seconded by David Blinderman.
- b. Voting on new board member (Brian Novelline)
 - A motion was made to approve Bryan Novelline as a board member. Motion made by David Chizewer and seconded by Kattie Godffred.

V. Updates

- a. Scholarship -CICS students awarded \$20.9M in college scholarships
- b. CICS Kickoff- Tuesday, Aug. 15, 2017 1:00-3:00 pm at UIC Forum. Network-wide 20 year anniversary celebration. Talent will be CICS-teachers, directors, alums, student performances.
- c. CPS Renewal update-10 year renewal. Decision is influenced by Forrest Claypool, CPS Board President and members, and Mayor. The request for 10 year renewal is precedent setting. CPS may be hesitant as CICS does not show high quality results across the network. CPS may be holding off because of Universal Enrollment.

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- d. Compliance-
 - Local/State Compliance-
 - CICS 100% compliance rating- 1623/1623 on time submissions
 - Legal Compliance-
 - 0 findings to date
 - ORBA compliance testing in progress
 - In touch daily with ORBA regarding testing
 - e. SY 18 CICS Enrollment
 - SY 18 Goal was 8,600. Current - 8,326. CICS Ellison high school and Longwood elementary campuses have decreased enrollment.
 - f. CICS Finance Update
 - Audit Update- Annual audit starts in August 2017 for approximately 4 weeks
 - FY 18 -Move to a CICS consolidated fee
 - Will review fee structure over next year with Finance Committee
 - FY 18 budget-
 - 3 scenarios-Necessary, Complementary and Optional plans
 - Considerations: decreased enrollment, 2% CPS cut, \$400K fundraising
 - Break-even, but would like to undertake several initiatives in complementary category
 - Cash neutral
- VI. Strategy Review (4:10-5:10)
- a. Elizabeth Shaw & team have undertaken a comprehensive process. She has been meeting with local, statewide and national groups and enlisting input for new CICS Strategy Plan. Interest from New Schools Venture Fund and Charter School Growth Fund has been expressed.
 - b. Strategy- 3 year plan
 - Strengthen existing SMO partnerships
 - Offer high-value and efficient back-office services
 - Clarify division of labor
 - Accountability system aligned to Vision of Excellence
 - Incubate new operators
 - c. Presenting to the Board for formal adoption in August
- VII. Board Role and Commitments (5:10-5:15)
- a. Governance and oversight of academic and financial performance
 - b. Personal commitment to give/get \$10K annually
 - c. CICS on Board Development
 - FY 18-Expand CICS Board of Directors to 15

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- CICS Board meetings will move to quarterly schedule: August 2017, November 2017, January 2018, April 2018 (Board Retreat) and June 2018.
- CICS Board Schedule and Annual cycle of topics.

II. New Business

- a. No new business

III. Adjourn (5:30)

- a. David Blindermen made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Laura Thonn seconded the motion. All approved. CICS board adjourns.