



The mission of Einstein Charter Schools is to nurture students to be academically strong as well as socially and emotionally resilient.

## EGI Public Board Meeting Minutes

**THE EINSTEIN GROUP, INC.**  
**4801 Maid Marion Drive**  
**New Orleans, Louisiana 70128**

The Board of Trustees of The Einstein Group will hold its **EGI Public Board Meeting at 6:00 PM on Thursday, September 21, 2023**. The meeting will be held in person in the library at **Sherwood Forest Elementary (4801 Maid Marion Drive, New Orleans, LA. 70128)**

Topic: **EGI Public Board Meeting**

Time: 06:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

### Board Meeting Agenda

- 1) Call to Order @ 6:11pm
- 2) Roll Call
  - Raymond Delaney (P)
  - Maya Edwards (P)
  - Robbie Robertson (P)
  - Clarice Kirkland (NP)
  - Angela Vance (P)
  - Durrell Laurent (P)
  - Joe Rochelle (NP)
  - Edwin Escobar (NP)
  - Drew Thompson (P)

- 3) Adoption of August Public Meeting Minutes

Durrell Laurent made a motion to adopt minutes; Angela Vance seconded the motion

### DISCUSSION ITEMS;

- 1) Board Committee Report - Academic Committee

The academic committee meeting took place from 5pm - 6pm prior to the start of the Public Board Meeting. The minutes for this meeting were taken. No additional reporting is needed at this time.

- 2) Academic Report - District Academics Updates
  - a) Instruction and PD
    - i) Faculty Meetings happening at the top of October
  - b) Curriculum and Culture
    - i) All campus have received their curriculum
  - c) Achievement DATA
    - i) BOY diagnostics tests completed
  - d) Report Cards
    - i) 1st Quarter Report Card Conferences will take place early October
  - e) VDLE -
    - i) Enrollment updates - 93% ADA
    - ii) BOY Diagnostics complete (Dibels & iReady)
    - iii) Interventions based on Diagnostics

- iv) Review of past (most recent) and upcoming events
- v) Teacher and Staff of the Month
- f) Sherwood Forest: September Focus
  - i) August Teacher of the Month
  - ii) Enrollment Update - ADA 95%
  - iii) Review of Past (most recent) and Upcoming Events
  - iv) Fundraising targets were met
- g) EMS
  - i) BOY diagnostics completed
  - ii) Review of past (most recent) and upcoming events
  - iii) 2 vacancies (Math and ELL positions)
  - iv) Benchmark Assessments will be administered week of September 25h
  - v) Teacher and Staff of the Month and Student of the month
- h) STRHS
  - i) One vacancy (Spanish)
  - ii) Review of past (most recent) and upcoming events
  - iii) August teacher and staff of the month
  - iv) Counseling Department Updates
  - v) Athletics Updates

Board Communications: Locker room and gym upgrades. Utilize opportunities for funding/partnerships/sponsorships through Academy, Nike, and other businesses

Board Question: What is the process for updating the teacher of the month on social media? More content is needed on social media.

Board Comments : Homecoming participation opportunities for elementary and middle school students and board members

### 3) Finance Report - Monthly Financial Statements

- a) Einstein Financial Health
  - i) Wrapping up financials from SY 22-23 and expecting a \$4.3 million surplus
  - ii) June financials will be presented at a later board meeting
  - iii) Audit process begins the first week in October
  - iv) Annual financial reporting is due September 29th
  - v) 10/1 counts will bring possible budget changes
  - vi) NOLA-PS updated their bases per pupil projection - resulting in a 1.6M increase in MFP across Einstein Schools

CEO provided updates on increase on funds that will be received for staff stipends

### 4) Operations Report - Facilities and Operational Updates

- a) VDLE Repair updates
- b) STR Facility Updates
- c) Technology Updates

The CEO provided updates on the purchase of a new water heater. All repairs are addressed as they come.

Proactive with salt water issue. Einstein has a plan to be 100% virtual

### 5) CEO Report - CEO Network Updates

- a) Academics
  - i) Academic and Assessment calendar
  - ii) Professional Development with Instructional Coaches
    - (1) 2-day training in Orlando Florida
- b) Compliance
  - i) Audits (LA-4 program audit in process)
  - ii) Bus Purchase
    - (1) Commercial break tag?
    - (2) City of NOLA
    - (3) Obtain CPNC Licensure
    - (4) LA Specs Requirements
  - iii) Boots on the Ground
    - (1) Accountability
      - (a) Restructuring in process
    - (2) Compliance
    - (3) Tenacity

Board Communications: We should be careful with enrollment and understand the students and possible behavioral issues that may accompany them. Overage students can be toxic and a threat to safety.

The CEO speaks on the internal concerns and how situations are being addressed

Board question: Is there a behavioral analysis that can be put in place when a student is transferring in and has a background. Can ECS put in place a process for vetting students.

The CEO has put new procedures in place to vet students.

Board Question: Can we vet enrollment

The CEO responded that we can work with NOLA-PS and vet. We have also established a “sweeping” schedule to have staff roaming the halls three times a day. A detail officer is being hired to be housed daily at the STRHS campus.

- 6) Board of Directors Report- Board Communications
- a) Recommendations for Committees and Taskforce
  - i) Raymond Delaney Motion for global acceptance of Leadership staff who showed interest in joining the board committees, with a vetting process by the CEO

Raymond Delaney Motion to adjourn at 7:20PM  
Durrell Laurent seconded the motion

**Public comments can be submitted in-person via public comment card. Public comments submitted prior to the start of a particular meeting will be addressed. Public comments can only be made on action items listed in the meeting agenda and will be limited to a maximum of 2 minutes per individual.**