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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 9:00 AM on Saturday, June 22, 2024**. The meeting will be held in person **at Laelah's Event Gallery (4949 Bullard Avenue, New Orleans, LA., 70128)**. The Board of Trustees of the Einstein Group will hold its annual board and leadership retreat following the business meeting.

Topic: **EGI Public Board Meeting - June**

Time: 09:00 AM Central Time (US and Canada)

Board Meeting Agenda:

1. Call to Order

- Time: 9:18 AM

2. Roll Call

- Robbie Robertson
- Edwin Escobar
- Maya Edwards
- Angela Vance
- Durrell Laurent
- Raymond Delaney
- Joe Rochelle (Absent)
- Clarice Kirkland (Absent)

3. Approval of Agenda

- Raymond Delaney motioned to amend the agenda to include Resolution 6-22-24-2: Approval of the 2024-2025 Family and Student Handbook.
- Durrell Laurent seconded the motion.
- The motion passed.

4. Approval of Special Session Public Board Meeting Minutes (May 31, 2024)

- Durrell Laurent moved to approve the minutes.
- Angela Vance seconded the motion.
- The minutes were approved unanimously.

5. Discussion Items

○ Finance Report

- Presentation of the first draft of the budget.
- **Board Question:** Where are fundraising and donations reflected in the budget?
 - **Response:** They will be included in [specific section]. The return on investment is not yet listed.
- **Board Question:** Where is the marketing allocation shown in the budget?
 - **Response:** It is included under "Other than Personnel" and also in the communications budget, totaling \$57,000 for the year, with an additional \$8,000 for social media.
- **Board Chair Request:** Request to allocate \$1,000 to the Sarah T. Reed Alumni group to support their



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engagement efforts.

- **CEO Update:** The CEO attended the Alumni picnic and pledged \$500 to the group.
- The Board Chair asked if there were any objections to the allocation. No objections were raised.

○ **Fund Balance and Deficit**

- Projected \$1.8 million surplus.
- Discussion on aggressive spending given the surplus and preparation for ESSER funds running out.
- **Board Chair's Recommendation:** Allocate funds as follows:
 - 15% to sports
 - 15% to band
 - 5% to other enrichment programs
- **Board Member Comment:** Importance of gathering student feedback on these allocations.

6. **Action Items**

- **Resolution 06-22-24-1:** Appointment of New Board Member(s) (State Superintendent - Alumni)
 - Durrell Laurent motioned to approve.
 - Angela Vance seconded the motion.
 - Voting:
 - Robbie Robertson: Abstain
 - Edwin Escobar: Approve
 - Maya Edwards: Approve
 - Angela Vance: Approve
 - Durrell Laurent: Approve
 - The resolution was approved and Cammon Chavez was appointed as a member of the board.
- **Resolution 06-22-24-2:** Approval of SY 2024-2025 Family and Student Handbook
 - Durrell Laurent motioned to approve.
 - Raymond Delaney seconded the motion.
 - The resolution was approved.

7. **Board Chair Recommendations**

- Move to Retreat
- Board Calendar approval will be on the August agenda.
- Fundraising responsibilities will be discussed.

8. **CEO Report**

- Mission and Vision of Einstein Charter Schools
- Updates for the 2024-2025 School Year
- Accountability
- Boots on the Ground (ACT II)
- Acceleration
- Change
- Transformation

9. **Adjournment**

- Raymond Delaney motioned to adjourn the meeting.
- Angela Vance seconded the motion.
- Time: 12:31 PM

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.