



**B.E.S.T. ACADEMY MINUTES:
REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
DIRECTORS August 4, 2021**

A meeting of the Board of Directors (the “**Board**”) of Brookfield Engineering Science and Technology Academy Charter School (“**B.E.S.T.**” or the “**School**”) was held on Wednesday, August 4, 2021, by online Zoom meeting.

Directors Present: Ognen Nastov, Kristine Stanga, Chad Leptich, Edward Singh, and Joseph Cipres, and Michal Alchikh

Directors Absent:

Also Present: James “Jim” Mays, Alex Soriano, Daniel Crook, Cory Cavanah, Joel Manwarren, Jason Arca, and Donna Colbert

1. CALL TO ORDER Board president Kristine Stanga called the meeting to order at 5:32pm. A quorum of the directors was present, and the meeting, having been duly convened, was ready to proceed with business.

2. Approval of Agenda: *It is recommended by the Board of Directors, adopt as amended, the agenda for the Regular Board Meeting of July 14, 2021. The amendment would include removing Action Item 9A FocalPoint Contract and moving the closed session to discuss Employee Evaluations to the end of the meeting.*

Approval Motion: Joseph Cipres **Second:** Edward Singh **Ayes:** All

2.1 Roll Call

Edward Singh - *aye*

Joseph Cipres - *aye*

Ognen Nastov - *aye*

Michal Alchikh - *aye*

Chad Leptich - *absent*

Kristine Stanga - *aye*

3. CLOSED SESSION:

3a. Employee Evaluations: (Gov. Code section 54957(b)(1).) Executive Director's salary catch-up will be revisited upon approval of the 2021-2022 school budget.

4. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

5. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by: James Mays

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS / RECOGNITION / REPORTS

No members of the public shared any comments.

7. CORRESPONDENCE/PROPOSALS/REPORTS/INFORMATION

a. Proposed Additional Staffing: Mr. Soriano presented a proposal for expanding staff as student enrollment grows for B.E.S.T. Academy. Mr. Soriano explained the current proposed staff increase as being conservative until we have a better idea of the actual fall enrollment, after student no-shows are accounted for.

b. June Financial Report: The June financial report was presented by Mr. Mays. Mr. Cavanagh added additional information and answered questions for the Board.

8. APPROVAL OF CONSOLIDATED MOTION FOR CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters under the consent agenda are considered by the Board to be routine, and will be approved, ratified, and enacted in one motion in the form listed below. Unless specifically requested by a board member for further discussion or removed from the agenda, there will be no more discussion on these items prior to Board vote. Comments by the Board may be made at the discretion of the Chairperson.

Approval Motion: Ognen Nastov **Second:** Edward Singh **Ayes:** All

8.1 Roll Call

Edward Singh - *aye*

Joseph Cipres - *aye*

Ognen Nastov - *aye*

Michal Alchikh - *aye*

Chad Leptich - *aye*

Kristine Stanga - *aye*

a. Approval of the Minutes: *Board Meeting of June 9, 2021*

b. Expense Reports: *June Reimbursements*

c. Check Register: *June 2021 Check Register*

d. Staffing Items: *Approval of this item establishes the following staffing positions:*

i. Compliance Coordinator

ii. Student Success Coach

iii. Clerk

9. ACTION ITEMS

a. Revised Focal Point Contract: Removed from action item

b. Curriculum Contract: Accelerate Education and BrightThinker: Mr. Mays presented the Accelerate Education and BrightThinker Contracts.

Approval Motion: Edward Singh **Second:** Joseph Cipres **Ayes:** All

9.1b Roll Call

Edward Singh - *aye*

Joseph Cipres - *aye*

Ognen Nastov - *aye*

Michal Alchikh - *aye*

Chad Leptich - *aye*

Kristine Stanga - *aye*

10. BOARD COMMENTS:

Mr. Leptich expressed his appreciation to Mr. Crook for his hard work on LCAP.

11. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS:

Mr. Mays expressed his thanks to the Board for their dedication.

12. ADJOURNMENT:

Approval Motion: Edward Singh **Second:** Joseph Cipres **Ayes:** All

12.1a Roll Call

Edward Singh - *aye*

Joseph Cipres - *aye*

Ognen Nastov - *aye*

Michal Alchikh - *aye*

Chad Leptich - *aye*

Kristine Stanga - *aye*

Upcoming BEST Academy Board Meetings:

- In Person-Opening School Year Board Meeting (August)

The board meeting of the Board of Directors adjourned at 6:42 p.m.