



**B.E.S.T. ACADEMY MINUTES:
REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
DIRECTORS Wednesday, November 4, 2020**

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, November 4, 2020, by online Zoom meeting.

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

Directors Absent: Chad Leptich

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

1. CALL TO ORDER Board member Ognen Nastov called the meeting to order at 5:31 pm. A quorum of the directors was present, and the meeting, having been duly convened, was ready to proceed with business.

2. Oath of Office: *State law requires members of boards to take an oath of office as provided in the California Constitution and the Government Code.*

3. BEST School Board Reorganization:

- a. **Elect President/Chair:** *Nomination and approval of Kristine Stanga as the new board president.*

Approval Motion: Joseph Cipres **Second:** Ognen Nastov **Ayes:** All

3.a Roll Call

Joseph Cipres - *aye*

Ognen Nastov - *aye*

Edward Singh - *aye*

Chad Leptich - *absent*

Michal Alchikh - *aye*

- b. **Elect Vice President/Vice Chair:** *No additional nominations for vice president. Joseph Cipres will continue as vice president.*
- c. **Elect Secretary:** *Nomination and approval of Alex Soriano as the board secretary.*

Approval Motion: Kristine Stanga **Second:** Joseph Cipres **Ayes:** All

3.c Roll Call

Joseph Cipres - *aye*

Ognen Nastov - *aye*

Edward Singh - *aye*

Chad Leptich - *absent*

Michal Alchikh - *aye*

Kristine Stanga - *aye*

4. BEST Academy Regular Board Meetings: *Approval of Regular board meetings on the first Wednesday of the month at 5:30 p.m. to be held virtually until further notice*

Approval Motion: Edward Singh **Second:** Kristine Stanga **Ayes:** All

4.1 Roll Call

Joseph Cipres - *aye*

Ognen Nastov - *aye*

Edward Singh - *aye*

Chad Leptich - *absent*

Michal Alchikh - *aye*

Kristine Stanga - *aye*

5. School Board's Code of Ethics: *Approval of this policy establishes the code of ethics for the 2020-2021 school year*

Approval Motion: Ognen Nastov **Second:** Kristine Stanga **Ayes:** All

5.1 Roll Call

Joseph Cipres - *aye*

Ognen Nastov - *aye*

Edward Singh - *aye*

Chad Leptich - *absent*

Michal Alchikh - *aye*

Kristine Stanga - *aye*

6. Approval of Agenda: *It is recommended by the Board of Directors, adopt as presented, the agenda for the Regular Board Meeting of December 3, 2020.*

Approval Motion: Joseph Cipres **Second:** Michal Alchikh **Ayes:** All

6.1 Roll Call

Joseph Cipres - *aye*

Ognen Nastov - *aye*

Edward Singh - *aye*

Chad Leptich - *absent*

Michal Alchikh - *aye*

Kristine Stanga - *aye*

7. Approval of Minutes: *Approval of this item approves the minutes for the Board Meeting of September 30, 2020*

Approval Motion: Ognen Nastov **Second:** Michal Alchikh **Ayes:** All

7.1 Roll Call

Joseph Cipres - *aye*

Ognen Nastov - *aye*

Edward Singh - *aye*

Chad Leptich - *absent*

Michal Alchikh - *aye*

Kristine Stanga - *aye*

8. HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

No members of the public shared any comments.

9. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by: Alex Soriano

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS / RECOGNITION / REPORTS

No members of the public shared any comments.

11. CORRESPONDENCE/PROPOSALS/REPORTS

a. Brown Act Training: Mr. Soriano presented the board members with options to obtain the Brown Act Training either virtually or in person at a board meeting.

b. Governance Training

Mr. Soriano presented information on Governance Training. A link will be sent to access the Governance Training modules for the board.

c. Budget Update:

Mr. Cavanah gave an explanation of the results of the 2020-21 budget restrictions adopted by the state legislature on average daily attendance. BEST Academy has customized the budget to accommodate fiscal budget constraints. Mr. Cavanah explained that the standard annual audit report will be available and presented at the December 2020 board meeting.

12. CONSENT AGENDA

a. Expense Reports: *Approval of this item approves the reimbursement of expenses incurred by employees and/or board members*

Mr. Mays and Mr. Soriano submitted reimbursements for the month of September.

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

12.1 Roll Call

Joseph Cipres - *aye*

Ognen Nastov - *aye*

Edward Singh - *aye*

Chad Leptich - *absent*

Michal Alchikh - *aye*

Kristine Stanga - *aye*

13. ACTION ITEMS

- a. **Board Policy Annual Approvals:** *Approval of the conflict of interest policy and governance standards (code of ethics)*

Mr. Soriano explained the code of ethics policies for Conflicts of Interest. The Conflicts of Interest form will be obtained and approved from the San Diego County Board of Supervisors.

Approval Motion: Kristine Stanga **Second:** Joseph Cipres **Ayes:** All

13.a Roll Call

Joseph Cipres - *aye*

Ognen Nastov - *aye*

Edward Singh - *aye*

Chad Leptich - *absent*

Michal Alchikh - *aye*

Kristine Stanga - *aye*

- b. **Stepping Stones Group Therapy:** *Approval of contract adds another option for services to student with disabilities*

Mr. Soriano and Mr. Mays explained the benefits of partnering with Stepping Stones Group Therapy services to provide more options for our students with disabilities.

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

13.b Roll Call

Joseph Cipres - *aye*

Ognen Nastov - *aye*

Edward Singh - *aye*

Chad Leptich - *absent*

Michal Alchikh - *aye*

Kristine Stanga - *aye*

- c. **Achieve3000 Renewal:** *Approval continues the use of this reading development digital platform*

Mr. Mays presented the benefits of using the Achieve3000 program for the students.

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

13.c Roll Call

Joseph Cipres - *aye*

Ognen Nastov - *aye*

Edward Singh - *aye*

Chad Leptich - *absent*

Michal Alchikh - *aye*

Kristine Stanga - *aye*

14. BOARD COMMENTS

A member of the board expressed his gratitude in the evolution of the board meetings, the clarity of the information, and the work of the administrators.

15. EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS COMMENTS

Mr. Mays invited the board members to review academic content or participate in budget discussions. Mr. Soriano thanked Mr. Cipres for continuing his role as the vice president and Mrs. Stanga for agreeing to her new role as the board president.

16. ADJOURNMENT

16.a Roll Call to adjourn

Joseph Cipres - *aye*

Ognen Nastov - *aye*

Edward Singh - *aye*

Chad Leptich - *absent*

Michal Alchikh - *aye*

Kristine Stanga - *aye*

Upcoming BEST Academy Board Meetings:

December 2, 2020

January 6, 2021

February 3, 2021

March 3, 2021

April 7, 2021

The meeting of the Board of Directors adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

