



**B.E.S.T. ACADEMY MINUTES:
REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
DIRECTORS February 3, 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, February 3, 2021, by online Zoom meeting.

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

Directors Absent:

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

1. CALL TO ORDER Board president Kristine Stanga 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. Approval of Agenda: *It is recommended by the Board of Directors, adopt as presented, the agenda for the Regular Board Meeting of February 3, 2021.*

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

2.1 Roll Call

Edward Singh - *aye*

Joseph Cipres - *absent*

Ognen Nastov - *aye*

Michal Alchikh - *aye*

Chad Leptich - *absent*

Kristine Stanga - *aye*

3. Approval of Minutes: *Approval of this item approves the minutes for the Board Meeting of January 6, 2021*

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

3.1 Roll Call

Edward Singh - *aye*

Joseph Cipres - *absent*

Ognen Nastov - *aye*
Michal Alchikh - *aye*
Chad Leptich - *absent*
Kristine Stanga - *aye*

4. HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

No members of the public shared any comments.

5. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by: Jim Mays

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS / RECOGNITION / REPORTS

No members of the public shared any comments.

7. CORRESPONDENCE/PROPOSALS/REPORTS

a. Annual Brown Act Training: Dr. Jeffrey Felix facilitated a thorough Brown Act training for the members of the B.E.S.T. Academy Board. The training reviewed standard and new Brown Act guidelines. Dr. Felix explained Senate Bill (SB) 126, which provides charter school transparency to the public. Additionally, Dr. Felix presented the board information about the March 2020 Executive order by Gov. Newsom. At the start of COVID-19, Gov. Newsom issued Executive Order N-29-20 which relaxed guidelines for teleconferencing.

b. Governance Training – Charter School Development Center modules at own pace: Mr. Soriano reminded the board on the Governance Training self-paced modules. Each board member should have received an email invitation from the Charter School Development Center (CSDC) to access the training modules. Mr. Soriano discussed the cohesive and helpful training that focuses on charter schools within the modules.

c. ELPAC Testing Window Open: February 1st - May:

- i. Mr. Soriano explained The English Language Proficiency Assessments for California (ELPAC) as the mandated state test for determining English language proficiency (ELP) proctored by B.E.S.T Academy to the students. The assessments are given to students whose primary language is any language other than English.
- ii. About the ELPAC: The state of California provides practice tests in order to assist the students in understanding the instructions and what is expected of them. The ELPAC includes speaking segments of the assessment in how students respond verbally in English.

d. WASC Application and Visit: February 25th Mr. Soriano explained The Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) accreditation that allows B.E.S.T. Academy courses to be recognized when students are applying to universities. Mr.

Soriano detailed the application and interviewing process for receiving accreditation from WASC. Mr. Crook's leadership in the WASC interview process has been thorough in preparation. Mrs. Stanga added that the process is rigorous and detailed and would benefit B.E.S.T Academy to undergo the WASC review.

8. 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 January.

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

8.1 Roll Call

Edward Singh - *aye*

Joseph Cipres - *aye*

Ognen Nastov - *aye*

Michal Alchikh - *aye*

Chad Leptich - *aye*

Kristine Stanga - *aye*

9. ACTION ITEMS

10. BOARD COMMENTS

Mr. Nastov asked for clarification on the Brown Training wording and changes with Gov. Newsom's executive order. Mr. Cavanah explained the waiver of quorum jurisdiction by Executive Order N-29-20 would remain for the foreseeable future until COVID-19 risks subside.

11. EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS COMMENTS

Mr. Mays announced the exciting news that B.E.S.T. Academy has their first five graduates! Mr. Soriano wanted to express his gratitude to Mr. Crook for his hard work and dedication to the WASC accreditation process.

12. ADJOURNMENT

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

12.a Roll Call to adjourn

Edward Singh - *aye*

Joseph Cipres - *aye*

Ognen Nastov - *aye*

Michal Alchikh - *aye*

Chad Leptich - *aye*
Kristine Stanga - *aye*

Upcoming BEST Academy Board Meetings:

March 3, 2021

April 7, 2021

May 5, 2021

June 2, 2021

The board meeting of the Board of Directors adjourned at 6:44 p.m.