



**Special Meeting of the
Board of Directors of Citizens of the World Kansas City**

Date: Thursday, October 28th, 2021, 5:30pm

Proposed Minutes

1. Call to Order

Mr. MacDonald called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

Mr. MacDonald welcomed the members of the public in attendance and gave an overview of the meeting order.

2. Roll Call by Board Chair

Mr. MacDonald called roll as follows:

Present:

Ms. Brandi Finocchario
Dr. Sarah Hicks
Mr. Jim MacDonald
Mr. Miguel Meneses
Mr. Luke Norris
Mr. Jeff Phillips
Ms. Selina Rios
Ms. Maria Salcedo

Absent:

Mr. Emanuel Mccrainey

Mr. MacDonald determined that with 8 of 9 Board Members present, a quorum is established for purposes of holding the meeting and voting.

3. Review & Consideration of Proposed Agenda

The Board did not have any comments regarding the proposed agenda.

Dr. Hicks moved to approve the agenda as proposed and Ms. Finocchario provided a second to the motion. The motion was unanimously approved with none abstaining.

4. Public Comments

Mr. MacDonald introduced himself, thanked the public on the call, and provided an overview of the public comment process and guidelines. Mr. MacDonald then invited public comment; no public comment was made.

5. Review & Consideration of 2021-2022 Special Education Compliance Plan

Mr. Brennan presented the Local Special Education Compliance Plan Certification Statement. Each year, the school must affirm which option it has elected in regard to adoption of a local plan for compliance with state and federal Special Education regulations. Every year, the school has always elected "A," adopt the model compliance plan made available by DESE (without modification). Ms. Nelson has affirmed this will continue for 2021-2022. Therefore, we simply need procedural approval from the Board in order to submit this to DESE as well as MCPSC.

Mr. Norris requested from staff, at the December or January regular meeting, a comprehensive audit of our Special Education department to ensure we are meeting the required minutes and services for our students.

Mr. Norris moved to approve the Certification Statement as proposed and Ms. Finocchario provided a second. The motion was unanimously approved with none abstaining.

6. Closed Session

Pursuant to § 610.021 (13) RSMo, the Board of Directors of CWC Kansas City will enter into closed session to discuss matters related to individually identifiable personnel records.

Mr. MacDonald invited Dr. Vansaghi, Dr. Miles, Mr. Brennan, and Mrs. Gripp into Closed Session.

Mr. Meneses moved to go into Closed Session and Dr. Hicks provided a second. The motion was unanimously approved with none abstaining.

7. Return from Closed Session; report on any action taken as required.

Mr. MacDonald welcomed members of the public back into Open Session and reported that discussion related to identifiable employees. There were two motions proposed and acted on during the closed session as follows:

Dr. Vansaghi, Dr. Miles, Mrs. Gripp, and Mr. Brennan presented an Executive-level reorganization plan.

Mr. Norris moved to approve the presented executive reorganization plan and Ms. Rios provided a second. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Mr. Norris:	Aye	
Ms. Rios:	Aye	
Ms. Finocchario:	Aye	
Mr. MacDonald:		Nay
Mr. Phillips:		Nay
Dr. Hicks		Abstain
Ms. Salcedo		Abstain
Mr. Meneses		Abstain

The motion failed for lack of a majority approval.

Further discussion was held regarding focusing a reorganization around academic support and hiring an external Executive Director.

Mr. Norris moved to 1) elevate Dr. Danielle Miles to Chief Academic Officer and 2) direct the Interim Executive Director to bring a plan to the Board of Directors that makes organizational structure changes to improve the academic performance of students. Dr. Hicks provided a second. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Mr. Norris:	Aye
Ms. Rios:	Aye
Ms. Finocchario:	Aye
Mr. MacDonald:	Aye
Mr. Phillips:	Aye
Dr. Hicks	Aye
Ms. Salcedo	Aye
Mr. Meneses	Aye

The motion was unanimously approved with none abstaining.

8. Adjourn

Dr. Hicks moved to adjourn and Ms. Finocchario provided a second. The motion was unanimously approved with none abstaining. The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 pm.

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