



Board Meeting Minutes
3:00 – 5:00 pm, Tuesday, June 28, 2022

Welcome & Roll Call: Alison Griffen, Pat Donovan, Nicole Wetzel, Kim Sia and Laura Calhoun joined in person. Chad Miller, Tim Matlick, Rosemary Rodriguez, Casey McComsey and Karega Rausch joined via Zoom.

David Singer was absent.

Dan Schaller, Teresa Tate, Mark Heffner, and Peter Mason joined in person as staff.

Call to Order: Alison called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m. Alison made a motion to approve the agenda and Pat seconded. Pat made a motion to approve both the April board meeting minutes, Kim seconded. They were both approved unanimously.

Rosemary Rodriguez joined the meeting at 3:08.

Finance Committee Update:

Kim shared that we are ending the year in a nice spot. The 2 items for today are to approve the FY23 budget and review a policy on unrestricted reserves. Mark reviewed the draft budget with the board. Mark highlighted the revenue decrease in the proposed budget and showed it was due to the elimination of some pass-through grants. Expenses were higher to reinvest some funds back into the work. The goal is to land at a net zero budget which this show. There is new support staff member included in the draft budget.

Dale Chu joined the meeting at 3:17.

Nicole made a motion to approve the FY23 budget. Pat seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mark shared the new draft policy for changing the board restricted reserve to a threshold that matches that amount that we lost during the pandemic crisis. This equates to 90 days cash on hand which would be the new threshold for the restricted board reserve. Mark clarified that funds beyond the board restriction would be invested based on management decisions, but the board would be informed of any big ticket (\$100,000), one-time purchases. Management reinvestment would be focused on single projects, capital investments.

Karega made a motion to approve the new unrestricted reserve policy. Alison seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Stakeholder Committee Update:

Teresa shared the committee recommendation for the criteria for a candidate to fill a vacated elected seat. Based on the new criteria, the committee recommended Steve Colella to fill Erin's seat.

Dale made a motion to approve the appointment of Steve Colella to fill Erin Kane's vacated seat. Karega seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Governmental Affairs Committee Update:

Dan shared that the League was invited to present at the National Alliance conference about the recently passed special education bill. Dan also shared that they are also working year-round to have the same magic they did a few years ago from bill 1375. So, they are pulling together the same coalition that met 5 years ago to have a proactive game plan for the next session. They were expecting around 700 advocates, but had over 1000. Dan also shared an update on the 30 Colorado reps that went to DC for advocacy day. Nicole & Laura shared their experience as well.

Executive Committee Update:

Tim made a motion to elect a slate of officers as follows:

Chair = Kim Sia

Vice-Chair = Nicole Wetzel

Treasurer = Chad Miller

Secretary = Dale Chu

Rosemary seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Dan shared the proposed committee and calendar for next year.

Staff Report:

Dan shared some highlights from the year including our media efforts. He shared that we met or exceeded all organizational goals for the year and exceeded our budget goal.

Teresa shared an overview of the staff satisfaction survey results from June. Board members shared some suggestions and feedback. Tim shared that he appreciated the transparency of information provided to the board.

Dan shared the next steps for the proposed Qualified Membership Criteria to take place at the beginning of the next school year.

Dan shared a new idea around addressing school safety with our charters, a listening tour to be conducted this fall in each region paired with a listening session on school safety to include leaders, teachers, board members and students.

Dan shared a draft strategic plan outline for the leadership team's work over the summer. Kim shared that she appreciated how condensed the plan seemed and felt it was direct enough to be used and not sit on the shelf. Pat felt it would be helpful to address population/enrollment decline in our plans. Pat also agreed with a focus on local grassroots advocacy. Dale felt that the political threats need to be a focus.

Discussion Items:

Dan shared an overview of the draft organizational outcomes, metrics and focus areas for the 2022-2023 school year. Pat suggested adding an enrollment target for an increase in total # of students in Colorado charters.

Dan shared an overview of the strategy for next year for c3/c4 alignment and the agreement between the two entities.

Karega & Chad left the meeting at 4:45 pm.



Dan thanked Tim for his service to the League as he finishes out his board term.

Kim made a motion to go into executive session to discuss the President's performance evaluation, raise & bonus. Dale seconded. The motion was approved unanimously. Executive session was entered at 4:52 pm and concluded at 5:14 pm. Dale made a motion to return from executive session. Nicole seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Upon return from executive session, Tim made a motion to approve the proposed raise and bonus for Dan Schaller. Kim seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn the meeting was called for. Nicole made the motion, it was seconded by Dale. The motion was approved unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 5:15 pm.

Next Meeting: The next regular meeting of the League board, the first of the next fiscal year, will be August 24th at 3:00 pm.