



Draft Board Meeting Minutes
3:00 – 5:00 pm, Tuesday, June 22, 2021

Welcome & Roll Call: Andy Franko, Dale Chu, David Singer, Kim Sia, Pat Donovan, and Alison Griffin joined in person. Nicole Wetzel, Arkan Haile and Casey McComsey joined via Zoom.

Chad Miller, Susan Marshall and Tim Matlick were absent.

Dan Schaller, Teresa Tate, and Peter Mason participated in person as staff.

Call to Order: Andy called the meeting to order at 3:23 p.m.

Kim made a motion to approve the agenda. Alison seconded. It was approved unanimously.

Andy requested a motion to approve the minutes from May which was made by Alison and seconded by Pat. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Andy moved the board into executive session to discuss the leader evaluation for the President.

Upon returning from executive session, Kim made a motion to approve the leader evaluation as presented. It was seconded by David. It was approved unanimously.

Finance Committee Update:

Kim shared the update on FY21 financials. She shared we are trending very well. There are some expenses for IT and furniture for the move that will be coming out of this year's budget, but fortunately, it will not need to be budgeted for next year.

Kim also shared that for the FY22 budget, the finance committee has had a chance to look at it twice and feels comfortable bringing it to the full board. There is a difference between the actual spend on grants for GAP revenue recognition. For example, if we receive funds in June, but they will be spent over the next year. This is noted in the packet. For payroll, we have a few team members moving over to the c4, in addition to a new VP of Advocacy position which is reflected in the adjusted payroll numbers.

Alison made a motion to approve the FY22 budget as presented. Pat seconded. It was approved unanimously.

Stakeholder Committee Update:

David welcomed our two new board members that will officially join the Board in August. David also shared he & Dan have an upcoming meeting with a potential candidate for the remaining appointed seat. He also shared the additional two candidates for outreach pending the outcome for the first meeting.

Governmental Affairs Committee Update:

Dale shared it was a very successful legislative session.

Dan shared that we have received several positive comments from schools and funders regarding the legislative session outcomes. He additionally shared that a new version of Representative Bacon's bill has begun discussions and the League is preparing for this, with a goal of having a proactive plan by August.

Other board members also brought up an interest in finding out more about our plan for the Innovation Act and what the plan is for BOCES chartering allowability.

Executive Committee Update:

Andy shared the last meeting was focused on officer nominations and committee assignments for the upcoming year. He clarified that executive committee nominations were received for Tim, Alison, Dale, Kim & David. The committee recommends Tim as the President, Alison as Vice President, Dale as the Secretary, and Kim as the Treasurer.

David recommended we approve the slate of officers as presented. Pat seconded. It was approved unanimously. Andy abstained.

Andy shared a draft of preliminary committee assignments for 21-22. He asked that everyone try out their new committee for a month and if reassignments were necessary at that time to discuss them with the new chair.

Staff Report:

Dan shared a draft FY22 c3/c4 Grant Agreement between the League and CLCS Action for lobbying efforts. This agreement has no bearing on the FY22 budget that was presented. The agreement assists with the goal of 51% of the c4 work targeted for "primary purpose". He also clarified that the expenses and revenues move to the c4 together.

After discussion, Pat made a motion to approve the c3/c4 Grant Agreement as presented. David seconded the motion. It was approved unanimously.

Dan shared an overview of the LEAP Ballot Initiative. The initiative provides funds for out-of-school learning opportunities. It will be funded by a 5% tax increase on marijuana sales. It is initially estimated to serve 150,000 children. It has strong bi-partisan support, but has slowly been building some opposition, primarily from the teacher's union. Dan asked if the board was comfortable adding the League endorsement to this initiative.

Dale made a motion to endorse the LEAP Ballot Initiative. Kim seconded. It was approved unanimously.

Discussion Items:

Dan reviewed the Organizational Priorities & Focus Areas for the League for 21-22. He clarified he would present the goal milestones at the August board meeting.

Jake Martin & Chris Keating from Keating Research shared polling results from an early May public charter schools & school board attitudes poll. For next steps, we are contracting with a person with prior election experience who is reviewing the results and providing ideas on our action plan for next year.

Board feedback included an inquiry about getting a breakdown of Democratic voters or affiliate groups. It was also mentioned that it would be nice to add a special ed question in the poll.

Dan shared his appreciation to Andy for his board service over the past 6+ years.



Adjournment: A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Andy. It was approved unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 5:27 pm.

Next Meeting: The next regular meeting of the League board will occur on Tuesday, August 24, 2021. There is no July meeting.