



Board Meeting Minutes
12:00 – 2:30 pm, Monday, February 27, 2023

Welcome & Roll Call: Kim Sia, Mary Seawell, Nicole Wetzell, Steve Colella, Casey McComsey, Chad Miller, Laura Calhoun, and David Singer joined in person; and Dale Chu joined via Zoom. Pat Donovan and Alison Griffin were absent.

Dan Schaller, Teresa Tate, Mark Heffner, Peter Mason, Kyle DeBeer, Aubriana Askins, and Kevin Hesla joined in person as staff.

Call to Order: Kim called the meeting to order at 12:12 p.m.

Mary made a motion to approve the agenda and Casey seconded with the caveat to change order if needed based on quorum. It was approved unanimously. Nicole to approve the December board meeting minutes, David seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Finance Committee Update:

Chad shared that the finance committee met and things are looking really good right now. Mark said we are tracking well and are 14% ahead on revenue, and underrunning expenses 6-8%. We are estimated to exceed our budget by \$100,000-\$200,000. We also had a favorable audit with no findings.

Stakeholder Committee Update:

David shared that we are in the midst of the board election. The timeframe and process were shared. David & Dan additionally shared the status of outreach for the one appointed seat and said that is progressing well. They have a candidate identified that fits the goal of finding a representative with ties to the governor's office. The potential candidate will be attending the conference and will join the next stakeholder committee meeting for further discussion.

Governmental Affairs Update:

Dan shared a legislative update on behalf of Angelina. He covers the governor's latest proposal for PPR of charter schools, also addresses the legislative agenda as it relates to the school finance act into the next fiscal year. In the joint budget committee meeting last week, the budgeted item

for CSI funding was cut in half. Dan also shared that the Capital Construction Fund is seeing an approximately 17% decrease in the fund due to the marijuana excise tax. We have not heard anything negative around the proposed SPED funding.

Karega joined the meeting at 12:33 pm in person.

HB1025 got through committee last week and second votes on the floor this morning.

We are also still working on the push for the change in wording to “public entity”. We have dug in thoroughly with attorneys to research whether there are any negative consequences to this clarification.

We also continue to work on authorizer consistency. This may be done through language in the finance act with ties to The Triennial Report.

We are carefully tracking bills SB111 on public employee’s rights, we are working closely with CASE, CASBE, and the rural alliance on this bill.

SB29 on student discipline HB1109 on expulsion are others that we are closely watching and providing input on.

SB71 would allow authorizers a pathway if they don’t agree with the state board’s rulings.

Another bill being watched is the request to revisit the ERPO bill from a few years ago around school gun control. We are watching the liability impacts for schools.

Executive Committee Report:

Kim shared that the committee began discussions on Dan’s performance evaluation. Kim and Dan also met with Jed Wallace who is now supporting CSO boards. Jed will attend our meeting in April to see if he has any recommendations.

Staff Report Update:

Pete shared highlights of the conference. We’ve exceeded our attendance goal and sponsorship goal. We have 54 sessions and 4 general sessions.

Dan offered an update on the communications around membership dues and answered board questions.

Rosemary Rodriguez joined the meeting at 1:18 pm via Zoom.

Dan & Pete gave an update on a new ad campaign that will begin running this week. Dan shared an update on his funder meeting from last week. They discussed the statewide political & policy landscape.

Dan shared an update on exclusive chartering authority.

Dan introduced the board to the League's new Data Strategist, Kevin Hesla.

Discussion Items:

Dan & Kevin presented an update on the development of our new Quality Member Criteria roll out. Kevin shared some data points on the current status of our schools on the state framework. Guest presenters from Keystone Policy Center shared an update on a call for quality schools report.

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was called for. Mary made the motion; it was seconded by Nicole. The motion was approved unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 2:33 pm.

Next Meeting: The next regular meeting of the League board will be April 18, 2023.