



**Board Meeting Minutes
Retreat, Tuesday, October 11th & 12th, 2022**

Welcome & Roll Call: Kim Sia, Chad Miller, Nicole Wetzel and Laura Calhoun joined in person. Alison Griffin, Steve Colella, Karega Rausch and Rosemary Rodriguez joined via Zoom. Casey McComsey, David Singer, Pat Donovan, Mary Seawell and Dale Chu were absent. Dan Schaller, Teresa Tate, Mark Heffner, Peter Mason and Kyle DeBeer joined as staff.

Call to Order: Kim called the first day of the retreat to order at 4:35 p.m. Karega made a motion to approve the agenda and Nicole seconded. It was approved unanimously. Karega made a motion to approve the August board meeting minutes, Nicole seconded. The motion was approved.

Finance Committee Update:

Mark shared the current finances to date. We are running 5% ahead on revenue primarily due to early annual conference sponsorships and member dues. We are running a little behind on consulting income, primarily due to an extension of the RISE project that has been pushed to Nov. 30th, initially Sept. 30th. We are also running behind on expenses, but all are due to timing issues. Member dues received are at 86% to date. Reserves are at a healthy point and exceed all minimums.

Discussion Items:

Mark shared a summary of the League's current and potential sustainable revenue strategy. He also shared long term financial projections through 2026 for Board input. The Board would like to continue the conversation on a communications timeline.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn the first day of the retreat was called for by Kim. Laura made the motion, it was seconded by Nicole. The motion was approved unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:04 pm on Tuesday, October 11th.



Welcome & Roll Call: Kim Sia, Chad Miller, Nicole Wetzel and David Singer joined in person. Karega Rausch, Casey McComsey and Rosemary Rodriguez joined via Zoom. Laura Calhoun, Steve Colella, Pat Donovan, Mary Seawell, Alison Griffin and Dale Chu were absent. Dan Schaller, Teresa Tate, Peter Mason and Kyle DeBeer joined as staff.

Call to Order: Kim called the second day of the retreat to order at 9:06 a.m.

Discussion Items:

Dan shared an overview of the current charter landscape. Highlights included current strengths and vulnerabilities of the sector. Dan introduced Van Schoales from Keystone Policy Center to share some recent research they've done on charter academic performance.

Dan provided an update on the Quality Membership Criteria concept along with feedback from the Member Council and an outline of a communications plan.

Kim made a motion for staff to move forward with implementing Quality Membership Criteria as outlined. Nicole seconded. It was approved unanimously. The Board asked the staff to run the Member Dues proposed changes by the Member Council and then bring their input to the December board meeting.

Laura Calhoun joined via Zoom at 12:30.

Dan introduced Brian Eschbacher to share his research on the regional demographic trends in Colorado. He also shared data on school choice selections and charter enrollment. Dan shared how the League is using this data to select the communities of focus for our regional advocacy work this year.

Casey McComsey left the meeting at 1:45 pm.
Steve Colella joined at 1:55 pm.

Dan proposed a modification to the League's vision statement. The proposed change is to: *The vision of the Colorado League of Charter Schools is for all Colorado students to have access to high-quality, public school options.* Rosemary made a motion to amend the League's vision statement to substitute "publicly funded school options" to "public school options". David seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Dan shared some potential policy topics that may be coming forward in the near future and asked for any feedback from Board members.

Dan shared that the League has been asked to give our stance on a potential ballot initiative: Proposition FF - Healthy School Meals for All. The Board discussed the pros and cons of our support. Nicole made a motion to support Proposition FF. Chad seconded. In favor: Nicole, Chad, David, Kim, Laura, Rosemary, Karega. Opposed – Steve (noting concern with the structure). Motion passed.

Dan shared other topics that don't need a League stance, but are for the Board's information: The State Accountability Audit, Proposition GG & the psychedelics proposition.

Dan shared a high-level overview of the League's upcoming legislative agenda topics.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn the second day of the retreat was called for by Kim. Rosemary made the motion, it was seconded by Laura. The motion was approved unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 2:59 pm on Wednesday, October 12th.



Next Meeting: The next regular meeting of the League board will be December 13th.