



Phalen Leadership Academies Board Meeting Notes

July 22, 2021

I. Preliminary

Meeting called to order by the Board Chair at 4:48 PM on Thursday, July 22, 2021

Board Member	Present	Absent
Marlin Jackson	X	
Kris Kingery	X	
Earl Martin Phalen	X	
Jim Phalen		X
Dr. Fernando Reimers	X	

II. Approval of Board Minutes

The board voted unanimously to approve the April 22, 2021 board minutes.

III. Legal & Compliance

The board voted unanimously to approve the resolution to activate an unused charter contract.

The board voted unanimously to approve the amendment to increase student enrollment for PVLA.

The board voted unanimously to approve the delegation of authority to CEO for activation of unused PLA charter contracts and amendments to active PLA charter contracts.

The board voted unanimously to approve the declaration of official intent of PLA to reimburse certain expenditures from proceeds of indebtedness.

IV. Academics & Programming

James Swift presented an update on PLA University. On August 23, PLA University will launch the new series of workshops. There are currently 16 enrollees and 3 graduates who are looking for job placement. PLA University is seeking to build additional partnerships with training providers and looking to add additional career tracks in the near future.

Lindsay Omlor made the suggestion to connect with Dress for Success for PLA University students.

Earl gave an update regarding Summer Advantage. Through government COVID recovery funds and philanthropic gifts, Summer Advantage has been able to assist 42% of our scholars this summer. We are looking to expand our summer programming next year.

Summer Advantage offers a 12:1 ratio, morning academics, lunch, recess, afternoon enrichment, and ends the week with a guest speaker. Our scholars were honored to have Board member, Marlin Jackson as a guest speaker last Friday. We are excited about the impact and gains scholars will receive from Summer Advantage.

Andrea Robinson presented the State of School report and gave an overview of this year's PLA Leadership Institute, which focused on development and data driven instruction. Other topics included time management, organization, and breaking down goals. During Leadership Institute, school leaders and staff also delved into PLA's mission and vision, teamwork, and collaborating with colleagues.

V. Community

Natasha Noel gave a community update. PLA is proud to be able to present the first and only Cultural Center on Indy's Far Eastside and will host a ribbon cutting ceremony on September 30th. We look forward to the Cultural Center being a welcoming safe haven for children and families of our community, while also engaging scholars in high quality programming.

VI. Financials

The financial report was presented by Eva Spilker.

The board unanimously voted to approve the PLA consolidated financial report.

The board unanimously voted to approve the FY22 PLA and Jacquet budgets.

The board unanimously voted to approve the FY21 Audit Engagement Letter.

VII. Open Communications

On behalf of Fort Worth ISD they are very pleased and proud to be partnering with PLA. Kudos to the PLA staff for all of their hard work and efforts, it is evident that they are doing wonderful things. PLA looks forward to a successful partnership with Fort Worth as well.

Lindsay Omlor went through PLVA's annual review report which received all overarching ratings in each area. The data gathered from school staff and families is deemed valid and reliable due to the positive participation rate. PLVA will work on increasing attendance during the upcoming school year.

VIII. Meeting Adjourned

The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 PM.