

SER YouthBuild Learning Academy

Board Meeting Minutes

April 10th, 2023

5:30pm

9301 Michigan Avenue, Detroit MI

Agenda

1. Call to Order

Roll Call

Name	Role	Present/Not Present
Felix Valbuena	President	Present
Rico Razo	Vice President	Not Present
Belda Garza	Treasurer	Present
Maizie Perez	Secretary	Not Present
Ines de Jesus	Member	Present

Call to order at 5:32. Quorum present.

2. Approval of Agenda

ACTION

Motion to approve by Belda Garza, Second by Ines de Jesus

3. Approval of the meeting minutes-March 13th, 2023

ACTION

Motion to approve the meeting minutes by Ines de Jesus, second by Belda Garza

4. Approval of the 2023-2024 School Calendar

ACTION

Motion to approve the 2023-2024 calendar by Ines de Jesus, second by Belda Garza.

5. Board Policies

INFORMATION

Delria Crippen provided an overview of her experience in the Charter School space.

May 16th the initial meeting will take place with the Charter School Institute to build the Board Policies for SYLA. Board members are invited to attend. SER to send out the invite to Board members.

6. Financial Report

INFORMATION

David Cunningham provided a report on financial through March 2023. The pattern remains that we are spending at 75% of the budget, which is substantially lower than we had anticipated. SER anticipates that there will be a cash reserve at the close of the budget year. Title funding was an issue because SER was not informed that Title funds were driven by age of students. Felix

Valbuena asked if SER would be looking into another agency to provide services since there has been some misinformation from the current third party contractor.

FY 2023-2024 budget will be presented to Board members on April 27th as an internal review.

7. Educational Update INFORMATION

Delria Crippen, Interim Principal, provided a report on retention. Retention is low across both schools and the team is working on increasing engagement.

Xello, which is a tool for Graduates to prepare for graduation and the workforce is being used twice weekly for all potential Graduates. Currently 20 students have completed all of the credit requirements and are working on Xello. May 19th is the cut-off date for completion.

Testing will begin this week for PSAT/SAT on the West Side. All teachers have been trained as proctors and are prepared to administer the testing process. Felix asked about whether or not SYLA would be providing test taking preparation and if that was something we could add to the curriculum for next year.

Reenrollment period will take place later this month. The open enrollment process will take place following that period.

8. Update on MDE-CSP Application-Round 9 INFORMATION

Ann provided an update on the experience with MDE, who has determined that SYLA is not eligible. Legal counsel indicated that we could certainly ask MDE for a separate meeting, but that it might not be advised.

9. 9215 Construction Project Update INFORMATION

Ann provided an update on the progress of the construction project. We remain on track and on budget for the project. June walk through.

10. Old Business INFORMATION

Graduation will take place on June 13th. Location is still being determined.

11. Authorizer Report-DPSCD INFORMATION

12. Public Comment

Any individuals wishing to speak can go through those comments with the Board representative and will then provide those to the SER Public Comment (on any matter, 3 minutes per person)

13. Next Meeting

A. Next Meeting May 8th, 2023-SER Headquarters

14. Adjournment ACTION

Motion by Belda Garza, approved by Ines de Jesus

Individuals wishing to address the Board of Directors are requested to sign in with the Board Secretary prior to the start of the meeting. Individual comments are limited to no more than three (3) minutes each and a total time allowance not to exceed thirty (30) minutes. The Board will not

verbally respond to public comments but may follow up in the most appropriate and time-effective manner.

Comments or concerns regarding Board members or school employees associated with the Academy shall first be addressed in writing and delivered to the Board President at least five (5) days prior to the Board meeting or concerns shall not be heard by the Board. The Board will not verbally respond to public comments but may follow up in the most appropriate and time-effective manner.

Individuals with special need accommodations should contact the Board office at 9301 Michigan Avenue, Detroit, MI 48210, preferably four (4) business days prior to the meeting. Proposed minutes of this meeting will be available for public inspection eight (8) business days after the meeting. Approved minutes are available within five (5) business days after the meeting at which they are approved (in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, PA 267).