

SER YouthBuild Learning Academy

Board Meeting Minutes

March 13th, 2023

5:30pm

5555 Conner, Detroit MI-The Samaritan Center

Agenda

1. Call to Order

Roll Call

Three SYLA-East students provided a tour of the facility and an overview of their experience in the school.

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

2. Approval of Agenda

ACTION

Meeting began at 5:55pm with a quorum.

Motion to approve by Rico Razo, Second by Belda Garza

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

ACTION

Motion to approve with two changes. Addition of the year and the date for the minutes and change in name from Rafael to Felix related to the Charter School overview. Motion by Rico Razo and second by Belda Garza.

4. Financial Report

INFORMATION

David Cunningham provided an overview of the finances with a favorable expenditure to budget which will allow SER to balance the budget with the anticipated \$300,000 loss in expected Title funds driven by the lower Fall count and free and reduced lunch application. David intends to revisit the work with EdOPs as a contractor as a result of some challenges with Federal calculations at the outset of the budget preparation.

The budget for 2024 is underway and will be presented to Belda Garza in late April-early May with a presentation to the Board in May.

5. Educational Update

INFORMATION

Ann Leen informed the Board that Pat Eggleston, Principal, is out on long-term leave and that Delria Crippen, Curriculum Coordinator, will step in as Interim Principal.

Ann provided an update on the Spring count, NWEA testing that will occur the first three weeks of March and an overview of course completions.

A discussion occurred on health disparity challenges as the result of the loss of a student to a diabetic coma. SER will work with community partners to identify opportunities to put a health fair together to better meet the health needs of the students.

Ines de Jesus requested an overview of zip codes for students that will be provided to the Board prior to the next Board meeting.

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

Ann provided an update that a challenge has arisen with the contract for the Charter School that makes SYLA ineligible for the MDE-CSP grant of almost \$900,000. Ann explained that several meetings have taken place with Tammy Hatfield of MDE and Rob Gavin of Shifman Carlson to work to resolve the issue to no avail. There is a contract amendment underway right now with DPSCD that may resolve the issue, but that is not clear yet.

Felix requested a meeting be set up between Rob Gavin, Felix and SER to try to determine what the challenge is and how it can be resolved.

7. 9215 Construction Project Update INFORMATION

Ann Leen provided an update the construction project remains on target and within budget and SER anticipates an opening by August, 2023. A walkthrough will be planned for an upcoming Board meeting.

8. Old Business INFORMATION
2023 Graduation Date-June 13th, 2023 (Date Change)

9. Authorizer Report-DPSCD INFORMATION

DPSCD provided an updated report on available training opportunities and regulations that need to be posted within the school. DPSCD will provide an email update to the Board with all relevant information.

10. 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)

11. Next Meeting

A. Next Meeting April 10th, 2023-SER Headquarters

12. Adjournment ACTION

Motion to approve by Rico Razo and second 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).