



**FirstLine Schools Board Meeting Minutes**  
**November 28, 2012**  
**5:15 – 6:45 pm**

**In Attendance:** Lawrence Kullman, Alison Hartman, Kim Henry, Paul Pechon, Monique Cola, Darleene Peters, Gregory St. Etienne, Catherine Pierson, Brian Egana and Stephen Rosenthal.

**Staff in Attendance:** Jay Altman, Joseph Neary, Keith Crawford, Claudia Barker and Rebekah Cain

**Public in Attendance:** Seth Mattei, Myrtis Johnson, Colleston Morgan, George Freeman, Christian Rhodes, Lisa Green-Derry, Danielle Dreilinger, Michael Babatinde and Latonia Viverette

**Absent:** Charleen Blache

Larry Kullman called the meeting to order at 5:17pm

1. Approval of Minutes from October 24, 2012 Board of Directors Meeting
  - (a) Greg St. Etienne motioned and Alison Hartman seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
2. Jay Altman presented the CEO Update
  - a) Discussions with the Wheatley community in regards to John Dibert Community School are ongoing and will soon include the Facilities Committee
  - b) Second round of interim testing is happening next week; attendance is on track with the exception of Clark which is improved but still not yet above 90 percent; enrollment at all schools is great (with Clark Prep being slightly under enrolled)
3. Stephen Rosenthal presented the Finance Committee Report
  - a) Due to 2010 census data, all Title I funds for schools in New Orleans will decrease over the next three years but because of a hold harmless provision in how this adjustment is made the Title I funding will only decrease by 10 percent per year until it reaches its long-term funding levels. As Langston Hughes Academy officially changed to a new governing board this year, their Title I funds will be reduced (by approximately \$100,000) to the long-term Title I funding this year, without the 10 percent reduction in future years.
4. Brian Egana presented the Facilities Committee Report
  - a) Landmark Consulting presented an update on the Monroe Street property
    - i. We expect to receive demolition permits and release the RFP to the public in the next few weeks
    - ii. Projected to start demolition in February and be complete by May

- b) Joe Neary announced that a FEMA audit agreed with our prior agreement with BESE/RSD/OPSB regarding the over \$12 million from FirstLine's insurance settlement that is to be applied to the construction costs of Ashe. In other words the Inspector General's obligation recommendation was rejected by FEMA.
  - c) Joe Neary will be working with the RSD to make any necessary amendments required by FEMA to FirstLine's lease of the building where Arthur Ashe Charter School is housed.
5. Alison Hartman presented the Governance Committee Report
- a) Stephen Rosenthal motioned to nominate George Freeman and Christian Rhodes to join the Board of Directors. Cathy Pierson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
  - b) Governance Committee recommended a motion to adopt the meeting schedule for the 2013-2014 fiscal year. The motion passed unanimously.
  - c) Alison proposed January 11 and 12 for the annual board retreat and led a discussion of the proposed agenda. January 25 and 26 were confirmed for the retreat, the afternoon of Friday and the morning of Saturday.
6. Cathy Pierson gave a presentation about development and FirstLine's fundraising goals, methods and needs
- a) Claudia Barker led a linkages exercise with the board
  - b) Larry requested a list of board members of local foundations that support us, in order to thank them
7. Brian Egana presented the Advocacy Committee Report
- a) Jay Altman discussed the Louisiana Association of Public Charter Schools Guiding Principles for Local Public School Governance
  - b) The Advocacy Committee motioned to support the Louisiana Association of Public Charter Schools Guiding Principles for Local Public School Governance as a minimum set of standards. The motion passed unanimously.

Cathy Pierson moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:50pm. Alison Hartman seconded. The motion passed unanimously.