



FirstLine Schools Board Meeting Minutes
September 28, 2015
5:00 – 7:00 pm
Joseph S. Clark - Library
1301 N. Derbigny Street, NOLA 70116

In Attendance: Gregory St. Etienne, Brian Egana, Alison Hartman, Monique Cola, George Freeman, Louise Hobson, Larry Kullman, Michael Murphy, Stephen Rosenthal, and Christian Rhodes

Absent: Derius Harrell and Kim Henry

Staff in Attendance: Najah Shakir, Joseph Neary, Erica Windon, and Claudia Barker

Public in Attendance: Kim Owens, Counselor, Joseph S. Clark High School

Greg St. Etienne called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

1. Approval of Minutes from August 26, 2015, Board Meeting
 - A. Michael Murphy moved to approve the minutes from the May 27, 2015, Board of Directors meeting. Brian Egana seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
2. Claudia Barker presented the Development Committee Report
 - A. Claudia asked Board members to provide names of potential sponsors and patrons to Edible Evening this year (April 14). Claudia will send request cards to the Board by email
 - B. Erica Windon discussed FirstLine's upcoming Dinner Lab event hosted by Circular Consulting (October 14 at 5:30 pm).
3. Jay Altman presented the CEO update
 - A. Year-to-date attendance and enrollment across FirstLine Schools
 - B. Jay discussed the potential impact on charter management organizations of the recent passage of new OPSB policy regarding transportation, OneApp, and autonomy.
4. Steve Rosenthal presented the Finance Committee update
 - A. The Finance team is preparing for FirstLine's annual audit.
5. Alison Hartman presented the Governance Committee report
 - A. The Governance Committee recommends that a small group review the current By-laws, now in place since November 2011. The By-laws committee is:
 - a. George Freeman

- b. Lou Hobson
 - c. Monique Cola
 - d. Stephen Rosenthal
- B. Alison Hartman requested a motion to approve FirstLine’s slate of officers
- a. George Freeman moved to approve Resolution FLS-RSL-15-0011 – Motion to Approve Election of Officers. Larry Kullman seconded. The motion passed unanimously
- C. Alison Hartman requested a motion to authorize Jay Altman, CEO, and Joseph Neary, COO, to sign contracts on behalf of FirstLine
- a. Michael Murphy moved to approve Resolution FLS-RSL-15-0014 – Motion to Approve Authorization of Members to Sign Contracts. Stephen Rosenthal seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- D. Alison Hartman presented and discussed our 2016 Board calendar
- a. Naj Shakir to check January 15th and 16th for the 2016 Board retreat
- E. Alison Hartman reviewed FirstLine’s Succession plan. The Board confirmed the plan and will review each year at the Annual Meeting.
6. Joseph Neary presented the Facilities Committee Report
- A. The sale of Monroe Street Property is moving forward.
7. Christian Rhodes presented the Advocacy Committee report and information regarding potential legislation affecting charter schools
- A. Christian Rhodes asked each board member to consider advocating selected positions on behalf of FirstLine through social networks.
8. Public Comments – none.
9. Christian Rhodes moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:13 pm and Brian Egana seconded. The motion passed unanimously.