



**FirstLine Schools Board Meeting Minutes**  
**May 18, 2016**  
**5:00 – 7:00 pm**  
**Arthur Ashe Charter School – Band Room**  
**1456 Gardena Drive, NOLA 70122**

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**In Attendance:** Gregory St. Etienne, Stephen Rosenthal, Alison Hartman, Monique Cola, Lou Hobson, Michael Murphy, and Derius Harrell

**Absent:** Brian Egana, Larry Kullman, Christian Rhodes, Kim Henry, and George Freeman

**Staff in Attendance:** Najah Shakir, Brett Hunt, Joseph Neary, and Claudia Barker

**Public in Attendance:** Eldon Anderson (Wheatley Parent)

Greg St. Etienne called the meeting to order at 5:18 pm.

1. Approval of Minutes from January Board Meeting
  - A. Stephen Rosenthal moved to approve the minutes from the March 18, 2016, Board of Directors meeting. Michael Murphy seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
2. Jay Altman presented the CEO Update
  - A. Year-to-date enrollment numbers; 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> round One App complete.
  - B. Budgeting update.
3. Steve Rosenthal presented May's financial dashboard and FY 2017 Preliminary budget summary. Michael Murphy moved to approve the Finance Committee's Report. Monique Cola seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
4. Alison Hartman presented the Governance Committee report
  - A. Alison deferred the motion for approval of Resolution #FLS-RSL-16-0018 which authorizes approval of FirstLine's Amended By-Laws and which requires approval by 2/3 of board members. The motion will be presented at our August board meeting.
  - B. Alison asked for suggested topics for presentations at upcoming board meetings.
5. Derius Harrell presented the Facilities Committee Report and the Facilities Improvement plans for 2016-2017. To date, there are no changes to the Facilities Plan.
6. Michael Murphy and Claudia Barker presented the Development Committee Report
  - A. Edible Evening was a huge success
  - B. Claudia presented an update on FY 2015-2016 fundraising
  - C. Claudia presented the Development Committee's FY 2016-2017 goals



7. Jay Altman presented the Advocacy Committee report and provided information regarding returning to OPSB oversight. Insurance rates are a contingent factor impacting our schools' return.
8. Stephen Rosenthal moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:02 pm and Monique Cola seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
9. Joseph Neary, Chief Operations Operator and Brett Hunt, Director of Finance, presented an overview of Public Charter School Finance, including revenue, expenses, fundraising, and key controls.
10. Public Comments – Eldon Anderson, a Wheatley parent, asked for assistance in handling a matter of concern. Jay will follow up.