

**PROCEEDINGS
OF
THE PROMISE ZONE AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS
GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN**

OFFICIAL

**BOARD MEETING
VIRTUAL BOARD MEETING USING ZOOM**

THURSDAY, JUNE 10, 2021

Chair Teresa Weatherall Neal welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 2:30 pm.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mr. Cuevas, Mr. DeJonge, Mr. Faber, Ms. Grant, Mr. Huizenga, Mr. McComb, Dr. Roby, Ms. Sieger, Ms. Pew Wolters, and Chairperson Weatherall Neal – 10.

Absent: Mayor Bliss – 1.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Ms. Grant, Seconded by Ms. Pew Wolters, to approve the agenda.

Yeas: Mr. Cuevas, Mr. DeJonge, Mr. Faber, Ms. Grant, Mr. Huizenga, Mr. McComb, Dr. Roby, Ms. Sieger, Ms. Pew Wolters, and Chairperson Weatherall Neal – 10.

Nays: 0.

Carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

April 29, 2021 Special Board Meeting/Work Session Minutes

Motion by Mr. Faber, Second by Mr. Cuevas, to approve the April 29, 2021 special board meeting/work session minutes.

Yeas: Mr. Cuevas, Mr. DeJonge, Mr. Faber, Ms. Grant, Mr. Huizenga, Mr. McComb, Dr. Roby, Ms. Sieger, Ms. Pew Wolters, and Chairperson Weatherall Neal – 10.

Nays: 0.

Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

DISCUSSION ITEMS – GRCC UPDATES

First Cohort Overview

Mr. Evans introduced Dr. Brian Knetl, provost, to provide an update. Dr. Knetl provided a high-level overview and touched on some of the data concerning the first cohort. He will present a detailed report at the September 2021 meeting.

Bridges to College Program

Mr. Evans shared his excitement by providing an overview of the Bridges to College Program. The program is a 5-week program that will be held over the summer. Class of 2020 and 2021 high school graduates are eligible whether they are enrolled at GRCC in the fall or another institution. This program is set up to foster a successful transition to higher education. There will be two sessions June 8 – July 6, 2021 and July 12 – August 12, 2021. Seating is limited and an application will need to be submitted. Acceptance is based on first-come, first-served.

ACTION ITEMS

Reaffirm Board Appointments of Omar Cuevas and Diana Sieger for four-year terms

Motion by Ms. Pew Wolter, Second by Ms. Grant, to Reaffirm the Board Appointments of Omar Cuevas and Diana Sieger to four-year terms effective July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2025.

Yeas: Mr. Cuevas, Mr. DeJonge, Mr. Faber, Ms. Grant, Mr. Huizenga, Mr. McComb, Dr. Roby, Ms. Sieger, Ms. Pew Wolters, and Chairperson Weatherall Neal – 10.

Nays: 0.

Carried.

Election of New Board Member

This item was not presented.

There were no names introduced for the expected vacant seat of Ms. Kate Pew Wolters. Ms. Kate Pew Wolters term expires on June 30, 2021 and did not renew her appointment.

Election of 2021-22 Board Officers-Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Treasurer, and Secretary

Officer positions were presented.

Chairperson

Teresa Weatherall Neal nominated Tom DeJonge to serve as Chairperson. Tom DeJonge accepted the nomination to serve as Chairperson.

Motion by Ms. Pew Wolters, Supported by Ms. Grant, to appoint Tom DeJonge as Chairperson.

Yeas: Mr. Cuevas, Mr. DeJonge, Mr. Faber, Ms. Grant, Mr. Huizenga, Mr. McComb, Dr. Roby, Ms. Sieger, Ms. Pew Wolters, and Chairperson Weatherall Neal – 10.

Nays: 0.

Carried.

Vice Chairperson

Mr. DeJonge nominated Kristian Grant to serve as Vice Chairperson. Kristian Grant accepted the nomination to serve as Vice Chairperson.

Motion by Mr. DeJonge, Supported by Dr. Roby, to appoint Kristian Grant as Vice Chairperson.

Yeas: Mr. Cuevas, Mr. DeJonge, Mr. Faber, Ms. Grant, Mr. Huizenga, Mr. McComb, Dr. Roby, Ms. Sieger, Ms. Pew Wolters, and Chairperson Weatherall Neal – 10.

Nays: 0.

Carried.

Treasurer

Mr. DeJonge nominated Mayor Rosalyn Bliss to serve as Treasurer. Mayor Bliss was excused from this meeting. This officer position is tabled until the September 9, 2021 meeting.

Secretary

Chairperson Teresa Weatherall Neal nominated J.C. Huizenga to serve as Secretary. Mr. J.C. Huizenga accepted the nomination to serve as Secretary.

Motion by Mr. McComb, Supported by Chairperson Weatherall Neal, to appoint J.C. Huizenga as Secretary.

Yeas: Mr. Cuevas, Mr. DeJonge, Mr. Faber, Ms. Grant, Mr. Huizenga, Mr. McComb, Dr. Roby, Ms. Sieger, Ms. Pew Wolters, and Chairperson Weatherall Neal – 10.

Nays: 0.

Carried.

Approval of 2021-22 Meeting Schedule

The 2021-22 board meeting schedule was presented as follows:

- Thursday, September 9th, 2021 | 2:30 - 4:00 p.m.
- Thursday, December 9th, 2021 | 2:30 - 4:00 p.m.
- Thursday, March 10th, 2022 | 2:30 - 4:00 p.m.
- Thursday, June 9th, 2022 | 2:30 - 4:00 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Cuevas, Supported by Ms. Grant, to approve the 2021-22 meeting schedule.

Yeas: Mr. Cuevas, Mr. DeJonge, Mr. Faber, Ms. Grant, Mr. Huizenga, Mr. McComb, Dr. Roby, Ms. Sieger, Ms. Pew Wolters, and Chairperson Weatherall Neal – 10.

Nays: 0.

Carried.

Approval of 2020-21 Budget Amendment

The Promise Zone exceeded its \$2.9 million goal, receiving pledges totaling over \$3.1 million. To date, \$2,249,833.00 have been received. There was also an adjustment made to the Donor Recognition expenses. The company producing the plaques has only collected a down payment of 50 percent or \$24,362.50. The remaining half will be collected once the project is completed and will likely be within the next fiscal year. As a result, his change is reflected in the amended budget for 2020-21 as well as the proposed budget for 2021-22.

Motion by Ms. Pew Wolters, Supported by Mr. Huizenga, to approve the 2020-21 Budget Amendment.

Yeas: Mr. Cuevas, Mr. DeJonge, Mr. Faber, Ms. Grant, Mr. Huizenga, Mr. McComb, Dr. Roby, Ms. Sieger, Ms. Pew Wolters, and Chairperson Weatherall Neal – 10.

Nays: 0.

Carried.

Approval of 2021-22 Budget

The 2021-22 budget was presented. The beginning fund balance July 1, 2021 will be \$1,598,075.27 with an expected ending balance on June 30, 2022 at \$969,273.10.

Motion by Ms. Pew Wolters, Supported by Mr. Faber, to accept the 2021-22 Budget.

Yeas: Mr. Cuevas, Mr. DeJonge, Mr. Faber, Ms. Grant, Mr. Huizenga, Mr. McComb, Dr. Roby, Ms. Sieger, Ms. Pew Wolters, and Chairperson Weatherall Neal – 10.

Nays: 0.

Carried.

Approval of Disbursements

Mr. Larry Oberst, chief financial officer of Grand Rapids Public Schools provided an overview of the disbursements. He added that there was one correction to the memo presented in the board's packet. The new total is \$34,270.65.

Motion by Ms. Pew Wolters, Supported by Mr. McComb, to approve the disbursements.

Yeas: Mr. Cuevas, Mr. DeJonge, Mr. Faber, Ms. Grant, Mr. Huizenga, Mr. McComb, Dr. Roby, Ms. Sieger, Ms. Pew Wolters, and Chairperson Weatherall Neal – 10.

Nays: 0.

Carried.

Approval of New High School

Grace Christian Academy has been recommended as one of the Grand Rapids Promise Authority schools.

Motion by Mr. Huizenga, Supported by Mr. DeJonge, to approve Grace Christian Academy as a GRPZA authorized school.

Yeas: Mr. Cuevas, Mr. DeJonge, Mr. Faber, Ms. Grant, Mr. Huizenga, Mr. McComb, Dr. Roby, Ms. Sieger, Ms. Pew Wolters, and Chairperson Weatherall Neal – 10.

Nays: 0.

Carried.

Approval of Student Success Framework

Dr. Quinn and Dr. Barnett presented the final version of the Student Success Framework. Board members expressed their appreciation of this work.

Motion by Ms. Sieger, Supported by Chairperson Ms. Weatherall Neal, to approve the Student Success Framework recommended by Public Policy Associates.

Yeas: Mr. Cuevas, Mr. DeJonge, Mr. Faber, Ms. Grant, Mr. Huizenga, Mr. McComb, Dr. Roby, Ms. Sieger, Ms. Pew Wolters, and Chairperson Weatherall Neal – 10.

Nays: 0.

Carried.

Approval of Reagan Marketing Contract Extension

It was recommended to extend the contract for Reagan Marketing and Design through June 30, 2022. Noteworthy is the company is employing a current Promise Zone student as a digital/social media intern.

Motion by Ms. Sieger, Supported by Mr. Cuevas, to approve the Reagan Marketing Contract Extension.

Yeas: Mr. Cuevas, Mr. DeJonge, Mr. Faber, Ms. Grant, Mr. Huizenga, Mr. McComb, Dr. Roby, Ms. Sieger, Ms. Pew Wolters, and Chairperson Weatherall Neal – 10.

Nays: 0.

Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Board members thanked Ms. Pew Wolters for her service on the board of directors. They also thanked Chairperson Weatherall Neal for serving as Chair for two terms. Board members are pleased with the progress the Grand Rapids Promise Zone Authority Board has been making and continue to be energized in their commitments to serve on the board.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Weatherall Neal adjourned the meeting at 3:30 p.m.

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Secretary