



## Board Meeting Minutes

March 9, 2021, 6:00-7:00pm // Remote via Zoom

Time	Agenda Item	Presenter(s)
6:00pm	<p>Call to Order</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Roll call (roster and committees)</li> <li>● Board: Tony, Nicole, Arya, Arthur, Jim, Mashea, Andrea, Veronica, Aaron, Simon, Bisi</li> <li>● Staff: Stacy, Eric, Natalie, Elie Goldman</li> <li>● Other: Leigh Carey (EdOps)</li> </ul> <p>Minutes <u>Board of Directors Roster, Roles, Terms, and Attendance</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>VOTE:</b> <u>To approve minutes from Jan 26, 2020</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Jim motions, Andrea seconds,</li> <li>○ <b>VOTE: 10-0 to approve the minutes</b></li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Administrative Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Adding a Board Meeting on May 25 to approve budget</li> </ul>	Tony Williams
6:05pm	<p>School Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <u>Update deck</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Pandemic-related grading and promotion policies updates</li> <li>○ Three interventions to address a higher student failure rate than previous years: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 10% grade bump</li> <li>■ Implement a mastery capstone project</li> <li>■ Adjust programming on Fridays</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Discussion of recruitment trend and next steps</li> <li>○ Discussion of CS pathways and opportunity for board members to participate</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Stacy Kane Eric Collazo (staff)
6:25pm	<p>Development &amp; Partnerships Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <u>ASK: Internship connections from board members</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Review of internship program at WLA</li> <li>○ The goal is 120 placements ready for next year</li> <li>○ WLA is asking board members to support internship recruitment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Areas of interest to our students: medicine, tech/CS , social media</li> <li>■ Of particular importance: caring hosts/supervisors</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Arthur McKee Elie Goldman (staff)
	<p>Finance Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>VOTE:</b> <u>Form 990</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Arya motions, Tony, seconds</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Arya Parvizi



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>VOTE: 11-0 to approve the 990</b></li> </ul>	
	<p>Governance Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <a href="#">Board Member pipeline development</a></li> <li>● <b>VOTE: <a href="#">Allison Cramton</a></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Tony and Arthur spoke in favor of Allison and her work with WLA to date</li> <li>○ <b>VOTE: 11-0 to approve</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Tony motions, Jim seconds</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>● <b>VOTE: <a href="#">Construction</a></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Two proposed projects           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Conversion of former dorm room spaces into small classroom settings</li> <li>■ Minor upgrades to spaces around the building including: front lobby, maker space, staff lounge, college suite</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Need to work through Building Pathways to make this happen</li> <li>○ <b>Vote for WLA to begin the process of engaging in a contract with Building Pathways to complete necessary construction. The estimated cost of the contract will be within the \$200K already allocated in our FY20 budget for construction.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Tony motions, Arthur seconds</li> <li>■ <b>VOTE: 11-0 to approve</b></li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Tony Williams</p> <p>Jim Doyle</p>
	<p>Academic Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● PARCC has been canceled by DC this year</li> </ul>	Simon Rodberg
	<p>Stakeholder Engagement Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <a href="#">Committee Update</a></li> <li>● New additions to the committee, including three WLA teachers</li> </ul>	Bisi Oyedele
	<p>Communications Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Continuing work on messaging and forthcoming op-ed with CommonLit</li> </ul>	Veronica Toney
6:50pm	Closed Session	Tony Williams
7:00pm	Adjourn	Tony Williams

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	<b>Vote</b>	For WLA to begin the process of engaging in a contract with Building Pathways to complete necessary construction. The estimated cost of the contract will be within the \$200K already allocated in our FY20 budget for construction.	To add Allison Crampton to the Board of Directors	To approve 2020 990 and submit to the IRS.	To approve minutes from January 26, 2021	
Board Member	Outcome	11-0 to approve	11-0 to approve	11-0 to approve	10-0 to approve	Attendance
Jim Doyle	Y		Seconds, Y	Y	Motions to approve, Y	x
Andrea Sparks-Brown	Y		Y	Y	Seconds, Y	x
Marvette Cofield						
Simon Rodberg	Y		Y	Y	Y	x
Arya Parvizi	Y		Y	Motions to approve, Y	Y	x
Tama Aga						
Aaron Saunders	Y		Y	Y	Y	x
Nicole Latimer Wood	Y		Y	Y	Y	x
Veronica Toney	Y		Y	Y	Not yet on call	x
Mashea Ashton	Y		Y	Y	Y	x
Bisi Oyedele	Y		Y	Y	Y	x
Tony Williams	Motions, Y		Motions, Y	Seconds, Y	Y	x
Arthur McKee	Seconds, Y		Y	Y	Y	x



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	Meeting Date	May 11, 2021	April 21, 2021
		<b>Email Vote:</b> To approve a professional development opportunity for school leadership, costing an estimated \$40,000	<b>Email Vote:</b> Increasing the construction budget to \$300K from the prior approved budget of \$200K
Board Member	Vote		
	Outcome	14-0 to approve	14-0 to approve
	Jim Doyle	Y	Y
	Andrea Sparks-Brown	Y	Y
	Marvette Cofield	Y	Y
	Simon Rodberg	Y	Y
	Arya Parvizi	Y	Y
	Tama Aga	Y	Y
	Aaron Saunders	Y	Y
	Nicole Latimer Wood	Y	Y
	Veronica Toney	Y	Y
	Mashea Ashton	Y	Y
	Bisi Oyedele	Y	Y
	Tony Williams	Y	Y
	Arthur McKee	Y	Y
	Allison Cramton	Y	Y



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**SY20-21 WLA Board  
Tentative Meeting Dates and Topics**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Primary Topic/Action</b>	<b>Responsible Committee</b>
All meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Progress against PMF goals</li><li>● Progress against Strategic Plan</li><li>● School Update from the Executive Director</li><li>● Committee Updates</li><li>● Contracts Read Into the Record</li></ul>	
May 25, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <b>VOTE:</b> SY21-22 Budget</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Finance</li></ul>
Jun 15, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <b>VOTE:</b> SY21-22 XQ Milestones + Budget</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Finance</li></ul>
October 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <b>VOTE:</b> Annual Audit</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Finance</li></ul>