NEXT ACADEMY, INC.
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
April 5, 2024
5:00 PM

1. Call to Order
The meeting was called to order by Raishrie Torres, Board Chair, at 5:00 PM.

2. Roll Call
Board Members Present:
- Raishrie Torres – Chair
- Nomar Astrain – Secretary
- Miguel Martinez – Treasurer

Staff/Guests Present:
- Kristian Gellibert – Executive Director
- Kristen Gellibert – Director of Operations

Quorum: Yes

3. Public Comment
No public comments were received.

4. Approval of Prior Minutes
Motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held on January 5, 2024.
Vote: Approved as presented
Result: PASSED

5. Review and Discussion
The Board engaged in a detailed review of recent feedback and observations regarding the charter application process. Key points were presented by Mr. Gellibert, noting strengths in professionalism and preparedness, while also outlining areas requiring revision. Topics discussed included:

- Ensuring clarity in the middle school grade configuration and enrollment lists.
- Updating emergency contact information requirements in Section 19.
- Removing any references to an ESP in year five or, alternatively, including a narrative describing potential future considerations.

A motion was made by R. Torres to remove ESP wording entirely, as the Board does not intend to pursue this option. The motion was unanimously approved.

6. Budget and Innovation Discussion

The Board reviewed financial questions raised during the process, particularly surrounding reliance on donations. It was clarified that the Makers Space Lab is the only initiative originally linked to donations. However, with a projected budget surplus of approximately $200,000, the Lab can be established without outside contributions. Board members emphasized that the Lab is intended as an enhancement to student learning and not central to the overall innovation plan. The Board agreed to refine the language in the application to better explain the Lab's purpose, funding, and role in supporting C-STEAM learning.

7. Action Items and Next Steps

The following next steps were agreed upon:

- Revise application language to reflect agreed changes (grade configuration, ESP removal, and Makers Space clarification).
- Assign responsibilities to specific board and staff members to complete edits.
- Continue reviewing areas needing adjustment, ensuring the application reflects Next Academy's mission and priorities.
- Provide ongoing progress updates at future meetings.

8. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by N. Astrain at 7:05 PM. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 7:05 PM.

9. Certification

Prepared by:
Kristen Gellibert, Director of Operations
Signature: ___________________________ Date: _____________

Approved by the Board on: ___________________

Board Secretary:
Nomar Astrain
Signature: ___________________________ Date: _____________