NEXT ACADEMY, INC.
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
May 30, 2023
5:00 PM

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

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

Members Absent:
- None

Staff/Guests Present:
- Kristian Gellibert – Executive Director
- Kristen Gellibert – Chief Operating Officer

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 March 13, 2023.
Vote: Approved as presented
Result: PASSED

5. Review of the Model Charter Application
Mr. Gellibert presented the updated Model Charter Application for review. Mrs. Gellibert highlighted the sections addressing ESE (Exceptional Student Education) and ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages), noting how the application reflects compliance with state and federal requirements while also prioritizing inclusivity and differentiated instruction. She emphasized the school's commitment to ensuring that multilingual learners and students with special needs receive equitable support in the general education setting.

The Board also reviewed the safety plan, which includes detailed protocols for student protection, emergency preparedness, and staff training. Mr. Gellibert discussed the budget framework and enrollment projections, explaining how the financial plan is designed to be sustainable across multiple scenarios. The discussion included emphasis on the integration of C-STEAM practices throughout the curriculum, showcasing innovation in literacy, inquiry-based learning, and project-driven instruction.

Following the discussion, a motion to approve the updated application draft was made by R. Torres. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

6. Old Business

Mr. Gellibert presented updates on contingency budgets designed to account for reduced enrollment scenarios. Enrollment projections were further lowered, and models were created for 50% and 75% enrollment. The Board reviewed the implications of these scenarios, agreeing that in order to operate successfully at reduced capacity, the school would need to adopt an 'all hands on deck' strategy. This would include shared responsibilities across staff, elimination of bus services in the first year, and reductions in staffing budgets. The Board discussed how to ensure academic and operational quality despite these adjustments. A motion was made to approve the contingency budgets as presented, which passed unanimously.

7. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by N. Astrain. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.

8. Certification

Prepared by:

Kristen Gellibert, Director of Operations

Signature: ___________________________ Date: _____________

Approved by the Board on: ___________________

Board Secretary:

Nomar Astrain

Signature: ___________________________ Date: _____________