

MEETING HELD AT:

Berkeley Preparatory Academy

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

	PRESENT	NOT PRESENT	TERM EXPIRATION DATE
Dr. Stewart Weinberg President	x		May 2024
Cheryl Hollis Vice-President	x		May 2025
Brian Williams Treasurer	x		May 2025
Brandi VanGordor Secretary	x		May 2024
Alicia Patton Director	x		May 2025
Simplicia Smith Director	x		May 2025
Dr. Tamara Jackson Director	Zoom		May 2024

NON-BOARD MEMBERS ATTENDING:

1. Kenneth Coles, Principal – Mevers School of Excellence
2. Jordan Coward, Assistant Principal - Berkeley Preparatory
3. Lisanne Morton, State Finance Director – CSUSA
4. Susan Gibson, Interim State Director – CSUSA
5. Carol Aust, Director of External Relations and Board Governance – CSUSA
6. Penny Walcott, Finance & Accounting Manager- CSUSA
7. Stephanie Lowerre, Sr. Financial Analyst – CSUSA
8. Fabien McGill, Principal – Willie Jefferies School of Excellence
9. Chris Haigler, RAS Regional Manager – Carolina

I. ADMINISTRATIVE

- **CALL TO ORDER**
Pursuant to public notice, Board President, Dr. Stewart Weinberg called the meeting to order at 6:37 P.M.
- **ROLL CALL**
Roll call was held, and quorum was established.
- **Pledge to the flag.**

II. EXECUTIVE SESSION

APPROVAL

MOTION: Motion was made by Brandi and seconded by Alicia to go into executive session to discuss contractual matters and survey results at 5:00 P.M.

MOTION: Motion was made by Brian and seconded by Simplicia to come out of executive session at 6:30 P.M. Motion passed unanimously.

III. ADMINISTRATIVE

- APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
 - **MOTION:** Motion was made by Brian and seconded by Brandi to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.
- APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 24, 2023, MEETING MINUTES
 - **MOTION:** Motion was made by Brandi and seconded by Simplicia to approve meeting minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. SCHOOL PRESENTATION

- BPA Presentation
Ms. Dawe, art teacher together with two students presented artwork and the focus on cultural celebration from around the world. Ranging from China, Italy, and the Bahamas.

Ruby 7th grade presented her mask from art class.
Olivia 6th grade presented her Chinese mask.

V. REPORTS

- Chris Haigler provided facility improvement updates for both BPA and Mevers as well as priorities until 2029. Asphalt repairs at Mevers will be \$8500.
- Susan Gibson, Interim State Director Report

Mrs. Gibson provided grant updates for both MSE & BPA. Advised there will be a ESSR 3 amendments in November.

Highlighted assessment calendar for both schools. Information is also on both school websites. Geometry and English 1 will be added to the calendar. Board requested the assessment calendar be added to the newsletters.

Shared update on school state data and how the data will be used in the strategic plan for each school. Explained how the strategic plan is structured and updated throughout the year.

- Mevers School of Excellence Principal Report
Mr. Coles gave an update on the school's strategic goals. Using Iready data to create PLP's. Implementing Smart Pass for students in grades 3-8. Hosted First Green Apple award for staff. Including staff updates, recent hires, and enrollment of 905 students. Schoolwide shutdown for Eagles Success. Shared upcoming event for the month of October.

Cheryl requested the enrollment marketing teams for each school present to the board in the coming months.

- Berkeley Preparatory Academy Principal Report
Mr. Coward gave an update on BPA strategic goal and survey results. Shared data and tracking data for elementary and middle school by subjects. Provided updates on recent hires, and enrollment of 810. 215 are waitlisted. Shared upcoming event for the month of October. Quest will be hosted next week.
- Willie Jefferies School of Excellence Principal Report
Dr. McGill shared goal is to have 1200 students enrolled by February 2024. Advised the PCSASC will be hosted the school lottery in February. On schedule to break ground by the end of October beginning November. Provided hiring update and applications received. First parent lunch and learn will be hosted next week. Advised he will be amending the P&I grant in the coming month.

Stewart advised to add as an action item next month - WJSE teacher hiring.

- CSUSA Financials
The Board was updated on financials for both schools.

MOTION: Motion was made by Brian and seconded by Alicia to approve the Mevers financials for August 2023. Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Motion was made by Brian and seconded by Cheryl to approve the BPA financials August 2023. Motion passed unanimously.

Cheryl wants to make sure staff understands how enrollment affects the budget.

VI. BOARD DISCUSSION ITEMS

- BPA Berkeley County Sheriff's Office MOU

MOTION: Motion was made by Brian and seconded by Simplicia to approve the BPA Berkeley County Sheriff's Office MOU. Motion passed unanimously.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Stephanie Beck provided BPA Playground update.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Motion was made by Cheryl and seconded by Brian to adjourn the meeting of the Berkeley Charter Education Association. The meeting adjourned at 7:34 P.M.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

Thursday, October 26, 2023 @ 6:00 p.m.
Mevers School of Excellence

Mevers school of Excellence and Berkeley Preparatory Academy Reports

- INFORMATIONAL**
- FOR DISCUSSION**
- FOR ACTION**

NOTES:

The interim state director will provide grant, school updates and information on BPA and MSE.