

## MEETING MINUTES

**Board:** SECA Governing Board  
**Board Meeting:** Monthly Meeting  
**School(s):** Savannah Exploratory Charter Academy

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Date:	Start	End	Next Meeting:	Next time:	Prepared by:
4/28/22	5:36pm	6:46pm	5/26/22	5:30pm	Lyn Carden
<b>Meeting Location:</b>					
1151 Mohawk Street					

<b>Attended by:</b>	
Jason Gallegos Patrick Connell Julie Diebolt Kevin Jackson, Jr Dr. Taylor Norman	Roger Moss Dr Chris W Tuttle Danny Brewington Mack Moore Jeff Ichesco
<b>Highlights:</b>	

### **CALL TO ORDER – 5:36pm**

**I. Consent Agenda** –Ms. Diebolt made a motion to adopt the consent agenda, Mr. Gallegos 2<sup>nd</sup>, unanimous

- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of Minutes
- Mr. Connell introduced guests Mr. Moore and Mr. Ichesco from National Heritage Academy who will be presenting later in the agenda.
  - He thanked them for coming

### **II. School Related Reports**

- Updates from the Chief Operations Officer – Mr. Moss presented
  - Mr. Moss and Mr. Gallegos met with the Galvan foundation
    - Mr. Moss reported that requested follow information was provided
    - Mr. Moss will have a follow up meeting next week
- Update from EIP – Mr. Brewington reported
  - EIP continues to work with NHA on a possible partnership
  - Continues to work with Mr. Moss and Mr. Connell on funding and facility options and to provide information to possible funders.

### **III. Financial Reports** – Mr. Gallegos reported

- Received The Chatham Foundations annual \$10,000 contribution

- He has filed an extension for 990
- He is looking at accounting firms to compile the 990
- Spoke with Queensborough regarding line of credit
- Received an interview inquire from the newspaper

#### **IV. Committee Updates**

- Facilities – Mr. Connell reported
  - i. He outlined to the 2 pathways forward with the movie theater as the site
  - ii. Spoke with City of Savannah informal site process call
  - iii. He explained the current theatre plan is to create an addition on the movie theater site rather than building up, building out because it is the most cost effective.
  - iv. He notified the board that NHA had a refundable \$15,000 that must be dealt with by May 15<sup>th</sup> or NHA will need to pay an additional \$100,000
  - v. Mr. Connell acknowledged that some decisions regarding moving ahead were with the authorizer and NHA

#### **V. Old Business**

- Authorizer update – Mr. Brewington confirmed that the SCSC had an understanding of the deferral and the plan ahead for SECA

#### **VI. New Business**

- NHA Presentation – Mr. Moore presented
  - i. The land is critical path and we are focus on that
  - ii. Our objective tonight to help the board understand who NHA is and for us to better under board and a possible alignment
  - iii. Walked through the presented document
  - iv. Mr. Connell asked each board member to review from their expertise and provide input
  - v. They discussed the two different academic models
  - vi. Discussed NHA history
  - vii. Discussed other schools they serve
  - viii. Discussed accountability
  - ix. Reviewed the 4 pillars of NHA
  - x. Mr. Moss encouraged the board to visit Atlanta Heights
  - xi. Reviewed school operations
  - xii. Reviewed education framework
  - xiii. Discussed a typical school day
  - xiv. Mr. Moss provided feedback on teacher's comments from Atlanta Heights
  - xv. Discussed teaching strategies
  - xvi. Reviewed some of the curricular tools that are being used by NHA
  - xvii. Discussed evaluations
  - xviii. They discussed data use
  - xix. Discussed exceptional students
  - xx. Discussed safety & security
  - xxi. Discussed MyNHA
  - xxii. Discussed NHA operating models
    1. Mr. Connell updated board on the negotiations with the SCSC
  - xxiii. The board asked questions
    1. Previous NHA school failures
    2. Class size
    3. Discussed the sweep model
    4. Discussed benefits
    5. Discussed funding options
    6. Line of credit
    7. Payables

- 8. Evidence of solid financial footing
  - a. NHA will provide a letter from financial instructions
- xxiv. They discussed instructional delivery model
- xxv. Discussed possible charter amendments
- xxvi. Discussed technology integration with GaDOE
- xxvii. Mr. Moore told the board that the construction team is confident in ability to opening in 23

**VII. Public Comment** – No public comment

**VIII. Next Meeting Date May 26, 2022 5:30pm**

**ADJOURNMENT** – Ms. Diebolt made a motion to adjourn, Mr. Gallegos 2<sup>nd</sup>, unanimous at 6:47pm

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Patrick Connell, Board Chair

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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