



**Board Members Present**

Jill Robinson Kramer (Vice-Chair)

Virginia Calvin

Gretchen Gutman

Mary Ann Ruegger

Leslie Dillon

Vanessa Allen-McCloud

Kim Preston

Michelle Gough

**Board Members Absent**

Janet Rummel

**Staff**

James Betley

Bridgett Abston

Jamie Brady

Ryan Preston

Nicole Hornyak

**August 30, 2019**

**Indiana Government Center South – Conference Room 1**

**Indianapolis, IN 46204**

**11:00 a.m. ET**

**I. Call to Order/ Board Meeting Minutes Approval 11:04**

- a. Approval of Board Minutes (5/14/2019)
  - i. Board Member Jill Kramer called the meeting to order at 11:04 a.m. ET. Member Gretchen Gutman moved to accept the minutes of the May 14 board meeting. Member Vanessa Allen McCloud seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

**II. Introduction of New Members**

- a. Mr. Betley welcomed the new board members appointed, and explained the new composition of the board was based on legislative changes. New members joining are Dr. Vanessa Allen McCloud, Kim Preston, Leslie Dillon and Michelle Gough.

**III. Charter School Application Consideration**

**a. GEO's Next Generation Academy – Indianapolis**

- i. Presentation of staff recommendation (5-7 minutes)
  - 1. Mr. Betley gave a brief overview of the application received from GEO's Next Generation Academy. He then welcomed the organizing board to answer questions.
  - 2. Tanya Bell, President of Indiana Black Expo, introduced the rest of the school board; Jesse Moore, JR Russel, Jamal Abdul Rasheed, Kevin and Dana Teasley, Jeff Lozer, Jeff Reedy, Louis Gonzolaze, and Kathy Lee, Ivy Tech's Chancellor. Background of school and
  - 3. Gonzalez – Gary Chancellor; 3 locations, gary crown pointe, east chicago
  - 4. Kathy Lee – Ivy Tech Chancellor of Central Indiana.
  - 5. Jamal Abdul Rasheed, 25 – speak on students. Grad from fall creek academy. Speak FCA experience
- ii. Presentation of proposal by board (8-10 minutes)
  - 1. The board gave a background of the school proposal. Members spoke about current locations and the success of former students.
- iii. Question and answer period
  - 1. Member Leslie Dillon spoke about the narratives of Gary and inquired about the school's Special Education program. Dana Teasley explained the framework and guidelines the school has in place.
  - 2. Member MaryAnn Ruegger questioned the board on the scores their schools have received. Kevin Teasley spoke to the board about past performance, and the opportunities for students to graduate with college credits while in high school. Member Vanessa Allen-McCloud asked for clarification on the diploma student's receive. Mr. Teasley explained that students will not only graduated with a high school diploma, but they also will have college credits that will transfer.
  - 3. Member Virginia Calvin expressed that this applicant is the reason the board was created. She credited the board's knowledge and experience.
  - 4. Mr. Teasley described the partnerships the board has formed with IUPUI and other higher education organizations to provide all the classes they are proposing.

5. Member Calvin questioned the financial aspect of the program, and stated that she wanted to be able to hold this model up as a success and expressed that the applicant disseminate practices that have worked for them.
  6. Member Kim Preston inquired about the remediation practices of the school. Mr. Teasely explained the process of instruction and the differentiation provided for each student attending.
  7. Member Gretchen Gutman questioned the applicant about past performance in Indiana and what the team has changed since the prior school was closed. Mrs. Teasley described the process of working closely with DOE and BSU to implement tighter internal controls at the school.
  8. Member Gutman pressed on enrollment projections, and questioned what would happen if they didn't meet targets. Mrs. Teasley spoke on the surrounding schools' enrollments and budgetary cuts that would occur, if the school was unable to hit enrollment.
  9. Member Ruegger questioned the applicant on classes available for students who don't pass Accuplacer. Mr. Teasely explained that they will be offering classes at the school for students to be able to acquire a Core 40 diploma.
- iv. Board decision
1. Member Preston moved to accept the staff recommendation of approval for the application submitted by GEO Academy. Member Calvin seconded, and the motion passed -1, with Members Calvin, Gutman, Allen, Dillon, Preston, Kramer and Gough voting aye and Member Ruegger voting nay.

#### **IV. Staff Updates**

- a. Fall/Renewal Meeting Date (Week of December 9, 2019)

#### **V. Adjourn**

- a. The meeting was adjourned at 1:04 p.m. ET.