



GPA BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

November 19, 2024 - 5:30 pm

Dr. Cecil H. Steppe Presiding

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Pete Chodzko, Michelle Evans, Rafael Hernandez, Jeremy Hurlbert, Bud Mehan, Edith Mendoza, Vincent Riveroll, Michael Rodrigues, Cecil H. Steppe and Viridiana Word

EXCUSED:

Maria Cruz Avalos, Myeisha Lobbins, Jacque Nevels, Mica Pollock, and Anne Spitzberg

CALL TO ORDER:

Board Chair Steppe called the meeting to order at 5:39 p.m. and the roll was called.

Motion to approve emergency Zoom board members m/s/c Hernandez/Word 9 In favor – 1 Abstention – None opposed Roll Call: Evans: aye; Hernandez: aye; Hurlbert: aye; Mehan: aye; Mendoza: aye; Riveroll: aye; Rodriguez: aye; Steppe: aye; and Word: aye.

AGENDA REVIEW (Board Chair Steppe):

Board members reviewed the agenda items.

ACTION ITEMS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS (Board Chair Steppe):

1. Review of the Minutes: (Board Chair Steppe)

Board members reviewed the minutes from the September 19, 2024 board meeting.

Motion to approve September 19, 2024 minutes m/s/c Hurlbert/Rodriguez 9 In favor – 1 Abstention – None opposed Roll Call: Evans: aye; Hernandez: aye; Hurlbert: aye; Mehan: aye; Mendoza: aye; Riveroll: aye; Rodriguez: aye; Steppe: aye; and Word: aye.

2. Superintendent's Report (Superintendent Riveroll/GPA Leadership)

Superintendent Riveroll introduced Chief Levenson to speak about the next items. The Director's Report is sent in advance to board members.

2a. Expanded Learning Opportunities Program ELOP Grant:

Chief Levenson explained that the Expanded Learning Opportunities Program (ELOP) was updated since it was last approved. In addition to outlining the Encore program, the plan now includes Saturday Academy.

Motion to approve the ELOP Grant m/s/c Hurlbert/Word 9 In favor – 1 Abstention – None opposed Roll Call: Evans: aye; Hernandez: aye; Hurlbert: aye; Mehan: aye; Mendoza: aye; Riveroll: aye; Rodriguez: aye; Steppe: aye; and Word: aye.

2b. Graduation Requirements Policy:

Chief Levenson explained this was last approved in 2019. GPA has updated the requirements with current course titles.

Motion to approve the Graduation Requirements Policy m/s/c Chodzko/Hernandez 10 In favor – 0 Abstention – None opposed Roll Call: Chodzko: aye; Evans: aye; Hernandez: aye; Hurlbert: aye; Mehan: aye; Mendoza: aye; Riveroll: aye; Rodriguez: aye; Steppe: aye; and Word: aye.

3. Finance Committee Report (Board Member Word/Consultant L. Tamayo)

Ms. Word explained how items are added to the agenda in the finance section after being completely vetted, in advance, by the Finance Committee.

3a. Monthly Financials:

Mr. Tamayo presented the September financials, which have been provided in advance to board members. He then answered questions from board members.

Motion for acceptance of September monthly financials as recommended by the Finance Committee m/s/c Finance Committee/Chodzko 10 In favor – 0 Abstention – None opposed Roll Call: Chodzko: aye; Evans: aye; Hernandez: aye; Hurlbert: aye; Mehan: aye; Mendoza: aye; Riveroll: aye; Rodriguez: aye; Steppe: aye; and Word: aye.

3b. 2023-24 Third Party Audit Report:

Mr. Tamayo reviewed the 23-24 third party audit report from CliftonLarsonAllen. GPA had a favorable audit with no findings, questioned costs, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies identified related to Financial Statements,

Federal Awards or Major Federal Programs. There was a finding related to teacher credentialing and instructional minutes which was noted in State Awards. GPA has already resolved the findings. The teacher now holds a valid credential and GPA has implemented additional review and monitoring of teacher credentials to avoid any lapse in teaching credentials in the future.

Motion for approval of the 2023-24 Third Party Audit Report as recommended by the Finance Committee m/s/c Word/Chodzko 10 In favor – 0 Abstention – None opposed Roll Call: Chodzko: aye; Evans: aye; Hernandez: aye; Hurlbert: aye; Mehan: aye; Mendoza: aye; Riveroll: aye; Rodriguez: aye; Steppe: aye; and Word: aye.

4. Public Comment on Non Agenda Items (Board Chair Steppe)

No public comments were received.

5. Adjournment of Regular Meeting (Board Chair Steppe):

Dr. Steppe asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion for adjournment of regular meeting m/s/c Chodzko/Hernandez 10 In favor – 0 Abstention – None opposed Roll Call: Chodzko: yes; Evans: yes; Hernandez: aye; Hurlbert: aye; Lobbins: aye; Mendoza: aye; Riveroll: aye; Rodriguez: aye; Steppe: aye; and Word: aye.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:29 pm

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