

Uplift Education Board Meeting  
 August 30, 2016 – 4:30 p.m.  
 Location: CMO – 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Meeting Room  
 1825 Market Center Blvd., Dallas, TX 75207

Called to Order: 4:35 p.m.

Uplift Board Members Present \*:

Adjourned: 5:57 p.m.

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| 1. <b>Melissa McNeil</b> | 9. Bruce Ware        |
| 2. <b>Ryan Moss</b>      | 10. Cathleen Crews   |
| 3. <b>Ardo Fuentes</b>   | 11. Christine Frary  |
| 4. <b>Randy Ray</b>      | 12. Kay Allen        |
| 5. <b>Donell Wiggins</b> | 13. Michelle Wheeler |
| 6. <b>Jack Wensinger</b> | 14. Tony Dona        |
| 7. <b>Josh Terry</b>     | 15. Stuart Ravnik    |
| 8. <b>Dawn Mann</b>      | 16. Carey Carter     |
|                          | 17. Abby Williams    |
|                          | 18. Kevin Bryant     |
|                          | 19. Cullum Clark     |
|                          | 20. Ed Tauriac       |

\*Voting members: **Bold**

Others

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| 1. Yasmin Bhatia   | 5. Anisha Srinivasan  |
| 2. Stacey Lawrence | 6. Diana Meyer        |
| 3. Rich Harrison   | 7. Ben VanMaanen      |
| 4. Ann Stevenson   | 8. Anson Jackson      |
|                    | 9. Michael Giles      |
|                    | 10. Dexter Freeman II |
|                    | 11. Kenneth Govan     |
|                    | 12. Carol Proffer     |
|                    | 13. Joi Kidd-Stamps   |
|                    | 14. Gerard Barber     |

<i>TOPIC</i>	<i>DISCUSSION/CONCLUSIONS</i>	<i>ACTIONS</i>	<i>ACTION FOLLOW-UP</i>
Call to Order	A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 4:35 p.m. by the Chair, Melissa McNeil. Video of the first day of school shown to the board and other persons in attendance.		
Consent Agenda	The minutes from the June 28th board meeting , included in the pre-read, were reviewed.	Upon motion made by R. Ray and seconded by A. Fuentes, the board unanimously approved the minutes as written.	
Regular Reports – Five Year Strategic Investment Plan Update	Finance Update: S. Lawrence presented the monthly financial report which was included in the board pre-read. Dashboards at this point are all on target (green) except for enrollment which is slightly under the budget enrollment. Also projecting approximately 400 scholars will leave over the year, but revenue loss		

	may be offset by position vacancies. Focusing now on marketing to select groups to attract more scholars in the upper grades.		
Regular Reports – Academic Update	Rich Harrison reviewed the academic update which was also part of the pre-read documents. Noted that overall Uplift had a great kick off to the new school year. Will be conducting testing over the next 2 to 3 weeks. Rich gave a brief overview of our teaching base and our partnership with Urban Teachers. Greater detail on teacher retention will be presented at the board retreat on September 9 and 10.		
Regular Report – Real Estate Update and Action Item: Approve LOI for FW school location	R. Ray gave an overview of the real estate committee work and of the proposed new schools that will be opened in 17-18 – Uplift White Rock Hills at Ferguson Road and I-30 and a Pinnacle destination school at I-35 and Camp Wisdom. New school sites in Fort Worth are being considered. Action Item: R. Ray reviewed the proposed location for a new school in north Fort Worth and presented the terms of a Letter of Intent (LOI) for a 22 acre site where the school will be built.	After discussion and upon motion by R. Ray, seconded by J. Terry, the board unanimously approved the LOI for a purchase price up to \$1.25 million and then to move forward negotiations for a purchase and sale agreement.	
Regular Report – Principal Impact Collaborative	Y. Bhatia discussed the Principal Impact Collaborative which involves 5 traditional districts and Uplift and provides for intentional collaboration among principals. Thirteen principals currently participating. Program is fully funded for the next 2 years.		
Action Item: Election of Campus Advisory Council Chairs	Ardo Fuentes, Governance Committee Chair, presented the list of candidates to serve as chairs of the campus advisory councils (CAC) and also an additional trustee. Bios of the candidates were included in the board pre-read. The candidates and the campus advisory councils they will serve were the following: Kenneth Govan – Hampton CAC Carol Proffer – Pinnacle CAC Dexter Freeman II – North Hills CAC Co-Chair Tony Dona – Heights CAC Joi Kidd-Stamps – Summit CAC Amy Messersmith – nominated for board trustee.	Upon motion by A. Fuentes and seconded by D. Wiggins, the board unanimously approved the nominated candidates as presented.	
Action Item: Approve Strategic Investment Plan	Y. Bhatia gave a brief overview of the strategic investment plan that the board has seen over the past several months. The plan is now ready to be put into effect.	After discussion and upon motion by R. Ray and seconded by J. Terry, the board unanimously approved the strategic investment plan as presented.	
Information Item: Governance Update	Ardo Fuentes reminded the new board members that a board orientation will be held on September 1 <sup>st</sup> from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the CMO – Market Center 1.		

Open Forum Community Comment	There were no members of the community present who wanted to make any comment.		
Adjournment	M. McNeil reminded the board members of the retreat to be held on September 9 <sup>th</sup> and 10 <sup>th</sup> .  There being no further business to come before the regular meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 5:57 p.m.		

Respectfully submitted, Ann Stevenson