

Uplift Education Board Meeting
 March 28, 2017 – 4:30 p.m.
 Location: CMO – 1st Floor Meeting Room
 1825 Market Center Blvd., Dallas, TX 75207

Called to Order: 4:33 p.m.

Uplift Board Members Present *:

Adjourned: 5:30 p.m.

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Melissa McNeil 2. Ryan Moss 3. Ardo Fuentes 4. Randy Ray 5. Richard Frapart 6. Josh Terry 7. Jack Wensinger 8. Donell Wiggins 9. Dawn Mann | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 10. Catherine Estrada 11. Kay Allen 12. Tony Dona 13. Kenneth Govan 14. Carey Carter 15. Cristina Barbosa |
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*Voting members: **Bold**

Others

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rich Harrison 2. Stacey Lawrence 3. Ann Stevenson 4. Deborah Bigham 5. Johnny Deas 6. Alex Berk 7. Remy Washington 8. Diana Meyer 9. Ben VanMaanen | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 10. Jeff Kirby 11. Sophia Kwong 12. Layne Fisher 13. Mya Baker 14. Samina Noorani 15. Alice Ledford 16. Andrew Baca 17. Natalie Williams |
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<i>TOPIC</i>	<i>DISCUSSION/CONCLUSIONS</i>	<i>ACTIONS</i>	<i>ACTION FOLLOW-UP</i>
Call to Order And Announcements	A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 4:33 p.m. by the chair, M. McNeil. Natalie Williams, from the Summit Campus Advisory Council, was introduced. Alice Ledford, the new Senior Director of Human Resources, was also introduced.		
Consent Agenda	The minutes from the February 28 th meeting, included in the pre-read, were reviewed. Ann Stevenson reviewed the IMA & TEKS Certification required in connection with TEA textbooks.	Upon motion made by J. Terry and seconded by R. Frapart, the board unanimously approved the minutes as written. Upon motion by R. Ray and seconded by A.Fuentes, the board approved the IMA & TEKS certification as presented.	Certification signed by board chair and secretary. Will be filed with TEA.
III. Regular Report – Strategic Investment Plan Update – Invest Internally in Our People, Schools and Systems	<u>Academic Report:</u> Rich Harrison gave a brief review of the academic report included in the pre-read to the board. He discussed the fact that 2500 Uplift alumni will be in college this year and one area of challenge is how to support all of our alumni in college. Overall, Uplift schools are doing well in college matriculation, but we are seeing a number of our students transferring among colleges. We		

	<p>expect about 50% will transfer at some point in their college career and we want to support the process to ensure success after transfer. Board discussed our goal of 70% completion in 6 years and the support required for our students. One observation is that the graduates who attend the top 1/3 selective colleges have a higher persistence rate and that rate drops as the selectivity of the college drops.</p> <p>Board also discussed data around the number of dropouts among our high school seniors – which shows that 100% of actual graduates meet the college acceptance goal. Board member requested more data on why certain schools have a lower rate of graduation. R. Harrison said our IB strategic plan should increase student access to more selective colleges. He also acknowledged that Uplift may want to look at options at 2 year institutions for college and career readiness. If we successfully implement these strategies, we think our 70% completion goal is attainable.</p>		
III. Regular Report – Strategic Investment Plan Update – Invest Internally in Our People, Schools and Systems	Finance Report: S. Lawrence gave a brief report on the financial dashboard and also gave an update on the upcoming bond transaction and timeline. This sale will include the Fort Worth projects, Grand primary school and preK construction, and the Mighty primary school expansion.		
IV. Information Items: Advocacy Update. Governance Committee Update:	<p>D. Wiggins gave a brief report of legislative session and status of our bills. Y. Bhatia is in Austin today testifying in support of charter financing. The Board Advocacy Day in Austin will be March 30th and several board members will be attending.</p> <p>Ardo Fuentes presented the proposed diversity statement for the board review and comment. Statement had been sent as part of the pre-read.</p>		
Open Forum Community Comment	There were no community members present.		
Adjournment	There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.		

Respectfully submitted, Ann Stevenson, Secretary