

Uplift Education Board Meeting  
 April 26, 2016 – 4:30 p.m.  
 Location: CMO – First Floor Meeting Room  
 1825 Market Center Blvd., Dallas, TX 75207

Called to Order: 4:32 p.m.

Uplift Board Members Present \*:

Adjourned: 5:46 p.m.

\*Voting members: **Bold**

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| <b>1. Tony Dona</b>       | 8. Stuart Ravnik            |
| <b>2. Melissa McNeil</b>  | 9. Alan LaBlanc             |
| <b>3. Richard Frapart</b> | 10. Cathleen Crews          |
| <b>4. Josh Terry</b>      | 11. Marnie Wildenthal       |
| <b>5. Ryan Moss</b>       | 12. Kay Allen               |
| <b>6. Donell Wiggins</b>  | 13. Jack Wensinger          |
| <b>7. Ardo Fuentes</b>    | 14. Mary Ellen Weber        |
|                           | 15. Christina Barbosa-Young |
|                           | 16. Brice Tarzwell          |

Others

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| 1. Yasmin Bhatia   | 7. Anisha Srinivasan |
| 2. Rich Harrison   | 8. Denise Castenada  |
| 3. Ann Stevenson   | 9. Karen Evans       |
| 4. Stacey Lawrence | 10. Korey Mack       |
| 5. Deborah Bigham  | 11. Addie Gomez      |
| 6. Diana Meyer     | 12. Cullum Clark     |

<i>TOPIC</i>	<i>DISCUSSION/CONCLUSIONS</i>	<i>ACTIONS</i>	<i>ACTION FOLLOW-UP</i>
Call to Order & Approval of Minutes	A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 4:32 p.m. by the chair, Tony Dona. Cullum Clark was introduced as a visitor observing the meeting. The minutes from the March board meeting were presented for approval.	Upon motion by D. Wiggins and seconded by J. Terry, the minutes were unanimously approved by the Board.	
Reports: Finance	S. Lawrence presented the finance report and the dashboard which were part of the handouts and pre-read materials. Only “yellow” on dashboard is the attendance. Revenues are up against projections. Stacey also gave an update on preparation for the audit and the status on hiring for open position. He also reported that we are continuing to make good progress on changes to address audit findings.		
Report: Academic	R. Harrison gave a brief academic report and Denise Castenada gave an update on college acceptances to date. She noted that there has been some concern about the GPA of our graduates which has had an impact on the number of acceptances this year. However, at the same time, a number of our seniors have also been accepted to very highly rated colleges. Denise gave an overview of the symposium on race which Uplift hosted this past week. This was a very		

	successful event put together by the RTC team in 8 weeks. Some of the participating universities want to host next year. Denise will send out link for Board to watch clip of one of the speakers at the event.		
Action Item: Governance Report	Ardo Fuentes gave the governance committee report. The committee has received several nominations for consideration on the board. The committee will begin its vetting process of the candidates and will bring a recommendation to the board for voting in June. Mr. Fuentes also recognized Alan LaBlanc for his long service to Summit as a member of and chair of the Summit advisory board. He was presented with a gift from Uplift as a token of appreciation.		
Action Item: MOU – Child Care Associates	Ann Stevenson presented an overview of the proposed agreement with Child Care Associates of Fort Worth to operate a pre-K program at Uplift Meridian. The program will also include Head Start community classrooms.	After discussion and upon motion by M. McNeil and seconded by J. Terry, the board unanimously approved the MOU as presented.	
Action Item: MOU – ChildCareGroup	Ann Stevenson presented the proposed revised agreement with CCG for the pre-K program at Uplift Heights which will be relocated to the VOH facility less than 2 miles from Uplift Heights. The relocation is pending final approval from TEA and CCG finalization of its lease with VOH.	After discussion and upon motion by J. Terry and seconded by R. Frapart, the board approved MOU as presented.	
Information Item: Advocacy Update	Addie Gomez, representative from Texans for Quality Public Charter Schools, an advocacy group of which Uplift is a member, gave a preview of the upcoming legislative session and the challenges faced for the charter legislative priorities, including funding equity. She encouraged board members to invite elected officials to visit Uplift schools before the end of the school year. D. Wiggins, chair of the Institutional Advancement committee, asked the board members to keep Korey Mack, Uplift’s Director of Government Affairs, advised of any planned visits with elected officials so he can support as needed. The Institutional Advancement committee will be meeting regularly to keep abreast of the legislative agenda and priorities.		
Open Forum Community Comment	There were no members of the community present.		
Adjournment	The board was reminded of College Signing Day this Thursday. There being no further business to come before the regular meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 5:46 p.m.		

Respectfully submitted by: Ann Stevenson