

Uplift Education Board Meeting - Retreat

September 11, 2015 @ 12:00 p.m.

Location: CMO Offices, 1st Floor

1825 Market Center Blvd., Dallas, TX 75207

Called to Order: 12:26 p.m.

Adjourned: 5:15 p.m.

*Voting members: **Bold**

Uplift Board Members Present*:

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| 1. Tony Dona | 8. Angela Farley |
| 2. Melissa McNeil | 9. Cathy Estrada |
| 3. W. Carey Carter | 10. Kay Allen |
| 4. Randy Ray | 11. Jack Wensinger |
| 5. Donell Wiggins | 12. Christine Frary |
| 6. Dustin Marshall | 13. Cathleen Crews |
| 7. Ryan Moss | 14. Srikanth Srinivas |
| | 15. Ossa Fisher |
| | 16. Richard Frapart |
| | 17. Christina Barbosa-Young |
| | 18. Abby Williams |
| | 19. Kevin Bryant |
| | 20. Marnie Wildenthal (3:30) |

Others

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| 1. Yasmin Bhatia | 13. Addie Smith Gomez - TXQPCS |
| 2. Stacey Lawrence | 14. Josh Angle - Bain |
| 3. Ann Stevenson | 15. Eric Chen - CSGF |
| 4. Rich Harrison | 16. Alesha Arscott - CSGF |
| 5. Deborah Bigham | 17. David Guerra – Board, IDEA Public Schools |
| 6. Johnny Deas | 18. James Wilcox – Aspire Public Schools |
| 7. Anisha Srinivasan | 19. Loren Kozoi (Summit campus advisory council) |
| 8. Diana Meyer | |
| 9. Ben VanMannen | |
| 10. Aleta Estrada | |
| 11. Korey Mack | |
| 12. Karen Evans | |

<i>TOPIC</i>	<i>DISCUSSION/CONCLUSIONS</i>	<i>ACTIONS</i>	<i>ACTION FOLLOW-UP</i>
Call to Order	The meeting was called to order at 12:26 p.m. by the chair, T. Dona. Guests to the meeting were introduced and welcomed. Minutes from the meeting on August 25th were reviewed.	Upon motion made by R. Ray and seconded by D. Marshall, the board approved the minutes as written.	.
Advocacy Update	Addie Gomez gave an overview of the legislative session and complemented the Uplift Board on their support and participation in advocacy during this session. She emphasized the importance of continuing contact with elected officials in the interim to so will have even stronger support in the next session. She requested that she be advised of meetings and other contacts so she can continue with staff in Austin. Also gave an update of the school finance litigation. Argument to the Texas Supreme Court was heard on September 1 st , but do not know when		

	Court may rule. If the trial court decision is upheld, Ms. Gomez thinks legislature may wait until 2017 session to address school finance issues.		
Election of Officers, Governors and Trustees	D. Marshall presented the recommendations and nominations from the Governance Committee for the election of officers, committee chairs, governors, and trustees. There were no other nominations. A quorum of the trustees were present and ballots were distributed to those present for voting.	Trustees completed ballots.	
Strategic Planning Discussion – Part 1	Ossa Fisher introduced the plan for determining Uplift’s next strategic plan, including timeline for the process. She then led a discussion of considerations for strategic growth. Guests from IDEA Public Schools, Aspire, and Charter School Growth Fund participated in a panel discussion of challenges and factors in making decisions regarding growth. Primary issues relate to the pace of growth and location. Indicators to consider include resources and talent available for growth. The panel discussed lessons learned from their growth plans. Role of board to support growth also discussed by panel members.		Discussion will continue on day 2 of the retreat and will continue according to the timeline proposed.
Break	Scheduled break in meeting – 15 minutes		
Resolutions	<p>Ann Stevenson presented a group of resolutions for board consideration and vote. Draft of resolutions provided to board in the pre-read.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Resolution to approve charter amendment to define primary boundaries for the schools that were consolidated into the Uplift North Hills charter (CDN 057803). 2. Resolution to approve use of electronic signatures for documents as defined in the proposed policy. 3. Resolution to approve digital records management policy. 4. Resolution to approve amendment to admission policy for exemption for CMO staff as modified due to consolidation. 5. Updated bylaws to include minor changes to bylaws as outlined in pre-read. 	<p>On motion by R. Ray and seconded by M. McNeil, the board approved the charter amendment resolution. All board members voting for the resolution signed the resolution.</p> <p>On motion by R. Ray, seconded by M. McNeil, the board approved the policies regarding electronic signatures and digital records.</p> <p>On motion by R. Ray and seconded by M. McNeil, the board approved the amendment to the admission policy for CMO staff.</p> <p>On motion by D. Marshal, seconded by R. Ray, the board approved the amended and restated bylaws.</p>	File amendment request with TEA.
Scholar achievement and RTC update	R. Harrison presented overview of the detailed academic review that had been sent to the board in the pre-read. Focus this year on Improvement Required campuses, but noted that even though campuses may have been IR, there was significant growth in student performance. At the high school level, 47% of seniors had a college ready score (or ACT or SAT). Board discussion focused on strategies to address IR schools.		

	<p>A. Estrada presented college report for class of 2015. More graduates were accepted to top 100 colleges, but fewer are enrolling because of finances. Undocumented students are not eligible for PELL grants or federal loans, so many are choosing 2 year college and then plan to move to a four year school.</p> <p>A. Bowman reported on college persistence rate of our graduates and reported on efforts made to support our alumni at college. Board requested information by cohort for comparison basis.</p>		
Adjournment	Meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.		

Respectfully submitted: Ann Stevenson, Secretary