

Uplift Education Board Meeting
 June 28, 2016 – 4:30 p.m.
 Location: CMO – 1st Floor Meeting Room
 1825 Market Center Blvd., Dallas, TX 75207

Called to Order: 4:37 p.m.

Uplift Board Members Present *:

Adjourned: 6:20 p.m.

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| 1. Melissa McNeil | 8. Brice Tarzwell |
| 2. Tony Dona | 9. Bruce Ware |
| 3. Ardo Fuentes | 10. Catherine Estrada |
| 4. Randy Ray | 11. Cathleen Crews |
| 5. Richard Frapart | 12. Christine Frary |
| 6. Ryan Moss | 13. Cristina Barbosa |
| 7. Josh Terry | 14. Dawn Mann |
| | 15. Jack Wensinger |
| | 16. Kay Allen |
| | 17. Marnie Wildenthal |
| | 18. Michael Giles |
| | 19. Srikanth Srinivas |
| | 20. Stuart Ravnik |

*Voting members: **Bold**

Others

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| 1. Yasmin Bhatia | 5. Anisha Srinivasan |
| 2. Stacey Lawrence | 6. Samina Noorani |
| 3. Rich Harrison | 7. Erin Hearn |
| 4. Ann Stevenson | 8. Cullum Clark |
| | 9. Amy Messersmith |

<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 4:37 by the Chair, Tony Dona. Visitors Cullum Clark and Amy Messersmith were introduced.		
Consent Agenda	The minutes from the May 31 st board meeting were reviewed.	Upon motion made by M. McNeil and seconded by J. Terry, the board unanimously approved the minutes as written.	
Regular Reports – Finance Update	S. Lawrence presented the monthly financial report which was included in the board pre-read. Stacey also reported on the bond sale recently completed. Few questions on the investor call about Uplift finances, but more on demand and growth, which indicates investors have greater comfort with Uplift’s financial strength.		
Regular Reports – Academic Update	Rich Harrison reviewed the academic update which was also part of the pre-read documents. Noted that the testing vendor for the state had a number of issues and as a result the release of the final STAAR results		

	<p>will be delayed. Third administration of the STAAR test was canceled. Not sure how this will affect the ratings for this year, but should be able to report at the next board meeting. Discussed ACT scores for current seniors and upcoming juniors. Target score is 23 for our seniors to give them greater access to Tier 1 colleges.</p> <p>Erin Hearn reported on the social & emotional survey of Uplift students and noted that social & emotional learning is an area of focus for next year to help our students be more autonomous and able to persevere in college. Uplift will be involved in two pilot projects this year to focus on development of these skills.</p> <p>Board members discussed need to engage parents in this activity and also to share findings with board as pilots are rolled out.</p>		
Action Item: Approve amended budget for 2015-2016	S. Lawrence presented the proposed amendments to the 2015-2016 budget to bring in line with actual expenses.	After discussion and upon motion by R. Ray, seconded by J. Terry, the board unanimously approved the amended budget.	
Action Item: Approve budget for 2016-2017	S. Lawrence presented the proposed budget for the 2016-2017 fiscal year which was included in the board pre-read. The finance committee recommends approval of the budget.	Upon motion by R. Frapart, seconded by M. McNeil, the board unanimously approved the budget as presented.	
Action Item: Bylaws Amendment	Ann Stevenson presented the proposed bylaws which have been amended to adjust the terms for the trustees and governors to align with the fiscal year and also to clarify certain references in the bylaws to "directors." Amended bylaws were included in the pre-read to the board.	Upon motion by J. Terry and seconded by A. Fuentes, the board unanimously approved the amended and restated bylaws as presented.	
Action Item: Election of officers and board members	Ardo Fuentes presented the slate of nominations for new trustees and governors. Ballots were distributed to all trustees (including governors) for voting.	After ballots were counted, all nominated individuals were elected as presented on the ballot.	
Information Item: Governance Update	Ardo Fuentes reported on changes to the Uplift board for those persons who are rolling off the board because have reach maximum terms. Special recognition was given to Srikanth Srinivas, Michael Giles, and Marnie Wildenthal for their service and also to Tony Dona, who is stepping down as chair of the Board, but will continue as chair of the Heights Campus Advisory Council.		
Information Item: Strategic Investment Plan update	Yasmin Bhatia gave an update on the strategic investment plan and noted that the Fort Worth funding community is very supportive of high performing charters. We are considering CMO office space in FW to provide more support to the FW schools. Metrics for the growth plan will be presented at the next board meeting in August.		

Open Forum Community Comment	There were no members of the community present.		
Adjournment	There being no further business to come before the regular meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.		

Respectfully submitted, Ann Stevenson