

Uplift Education Board Meeting  
 January 27, 2015 – 4:30 p.m.  
 Location: CMO – First Floor Meeting Room  
 1825 Market Center Blvd., Dallas, TX 75207

Called to Order: 4:30 p.m.

Uplift Board Members Present \*:

Adjourned: 6:30 p.m.

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. Tony Dona</b></li> <li><b>2. Melissa McNeil</b></li> <li><b>3. Josh Terry</b></li> <li><b>4. Donell Wiggins</b></li> <li><b>5. Dustin Marshall</b></li> <li><b>6. Randy Ray</b></li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7. Ryan Moss</li> <li>8. Angie Dickson</li> <li>9. Angela Farley</li> <li>10. Michael Giles</li> <li>11. Ardo Fuentes</li> <li>12. Christina Barbosa</li> <li>13. Abby Williams</li> <li>14. John Becker</li> <li>15. Kay Allen</li> </ol> |
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\*Voting members: **Bold**

Others

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Yasmin Bhatia (by phone)</li> <li>2. Bill Mays</li> <li>3. Diana Meyer</li> <li>4. Stacey Lawrence</li> <li>5. Ann Stevenson</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6. Deborah Bigham</li> <li>7. Rich Harrison</li> <li>8. Ben VanMannen</li> <li>9. Jung Cho</li> <li>10. Eric Chen, CSGF</li> </ol> |
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| <i>TOPIC</i>                        | <i>DISCUSSION/CONCLUSIONS</i>  | <i>ACTIONS</i>  | <i>ACTION FOLLOW-UP</i>   |
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| Call to Order & Approval of Minutes | A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by the chair, T. Dona. Kay Allen, chair of Uplift Grand Advisory Council and John Beckert, chair of Uplift Triumph Advisory Council, were introduced. Alison Rowe, new Academic Program Coordinator for T&L and Eric Chen from the Charter School Growth Fund were also introduced. The minutes from the board meetings on December 2 and December 16, 2014 were presented and reviewed.              | Upon motion by D. Marshall and seconded by M. McNeil, the minutes were approved as written. |   |
| Academic Update                     | R. Harrison presented a summary of the academic achievement report sent to the board in the pre-read. He also presented an overview of the Uplift approach to assessment and how used in connection with instruction and measure of scholar achievement. Discussion among board about concern of multiple tests for high school students who are also taking IB and AP tests. Suggestion also made to survey teachers on how they feel about testing and how data is used. |   | Board members invited to discuss assessment approach further with Mr. Harrison. |
| Staff Survey                        | R. Harrison presented results of the second quarter staff culture survey. Overall very positive response by staff. Detail of results discussed with school leaders.  |   |   |

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| <p>Nomination and approval of new board members</p>    | <p>Dustin Marshall presented the recommendation of the Governance Committee to approve Jack Wensinger as chair of the Heights Advisory Council. With the approval of Mr. Wensinger, chairs have been appointed for all advisory councils except Infinity and Peak. D. Marshall also presented a recommendation of the Committee to approve Ryan Moss as chair of the Finance Committee due to J. Terry's desire to step down as chair and D. Marshall reported that the Government Committee recommends that Josh Terry be approved as an additional voting member on the Board of Governors.</p> | <p>Upon motion from D. Marshall, seconded by R. Ray, the board approved the persons named as recommended.</p>                                   |  |
| <p>GPISD Partnership – Update</p>                      | <p>Jung Cho gave an update on the GPISD – Uplift partnership. Application for Uplift Lee has been open for about 2 weeks. The team is working on grassroots recruitment to increase applications from Lee Elementary. Working groups are moving well on terms for the partnership agreement.</p>  |   | <p>Board requested regular updates on the GPISD-Uplift partnership</p> |
| <p>Development Update</p>                              | <p>D. Bigham reported that there is only \$2 million left on the capital campaign to collect. The CSGF has provided extra financial support which is much appreciated. Upcoming event reminders: Investor Meeting on January 28 and April 30 – College Signing Day.</p>   |   |  |
| <p>Finance Update and CSGF Convertible Loan/Grant</p>  | <p>B. Mays and S. Lawrence presented financial report and new dashboard format for reports. Expecting to show additional revenue from TEA due to CTE funding and adjustment on average daily attendance (ADA).<br/>B. Mays provided a summary of the CSGF Convertible Loan/Grant terms which gives opportunity to have loan converted to a grant if certain conditions met.</p>   | <p>Upon motion made by D. Marshall and seconded by R. Ray, the Board approved the execution of the CSGF loan/grant.</p>                         |  |
| <p>Expansion Amendments – Related to Consolidation</p> | <p>Ann Stevenson presented expansion amendments to the North Hills charter to add sites under that charter, increase maximum enrollment, and add additional ISDs to the geographic boundaries. These amendments are necessary to allow North Hills charter to be the remaining charter after consolidation. A. Stevenson also reported that a team from Uplift will be traveling to Austin next week to meet with TEA staff to discuss consolidation process in depth.</p>  | <p>Upon motion, the voting members present approved the expansion amendments and evidenced approval by signatures to amendments.</p>            | <p>File expansion amendments with TEA.</p>                             |
| <p>Purchase Agreement – Ferguson and I-30 property</p> | <p>R. Ray reporting on the status of the purchase agreement for the property at I-30 and Ferguson Road. The remaining points relate to the billboard and the Clear Channel lease. Subject to the finalizing the terms regarding Clear Channel, the Facilities Committee recommends approval of the purchase agreement.</p>  | <p>Subject to the condition noted, and upon motion by R. Ray and seconded by D. Marshall, the purchase agreement was approved by the board.</p> |  |
| <p>Advocacy Report</p>                                 | <p>The advocacy report was postponed to the next meeting. However, board members were reminded of the board capitol day on April 8<sup>th</sup>.</p>  |   |  |

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| Parent/Community Comments | There were no parents or community members present.   |  |  |
| Adjournment               | There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30p.m. |  |  |

Respectfully submitted by: Ann Stevenson