

Uplift Education Special Board Meeting Minutes

Friday, January 15th, 2021 at 4 p.m.

A virtual meeting of the Board of Uplift Education was held on the date and time listed above. Pursuant to Governor Abbott’s March 16, 2020 Order approving a request by the Office of the Attorney General to temporarily suspend a limited number of open meeting laws in response to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) disaster, governmental bodies may conduct meetings by telephone or video conference to advance the public health goal of limiting face-to-face meetings (also called “social distancing”) to slow the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19). In compliance with Governor Abbott’s order, and in furtherance of the public health goal of limiting face-to-face meetings, this meeting was held by videoconference.

Access online was through TEAMS and the agenda provided the following access information:

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For access by phone: +1 469-340-0751; conference ID: 359 681 253#

Called to Order: 4:03 p.m.

Adjourned: 4:32 p.m.

Board Members Present:

1. Richard Frapart
2. Dawn Davidson
3. John Beckert
4. Michael Stack
5. Ardo Fuentes
6. John McPherson
7. Lael Melville
8. James Stanton
9. Ed Tauriac
10. Andre McEwing

<i>TOPIC</i>	<i>DISCUSSION/CONCLUSIONS</i>	<i>ACTIONS</i>
I. Call to Order and Announcements	R. Frapart welcomed the Board to the special meeting and took attendance. A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 4:03 p.m.	
II. Formal Naming of the Cooks Lane Campus in Tarrant County as “Uplift Crescendo Preparatory – Primary School.”	<p>A. Berk provided the presentation and recommendation to the Board regarding Uplift Crescendo. After consideration and vetting, the name “Uplift Crescendo Preparatory – Primary School” is being recommended to the Board for approval as the formal name of Uplift’s new primary campus located on Cooks Lane and which shall serve as a feeder school to Uplift Summit. A. Berk explained that Uplift is required to submit to TEA a resolution from the Board approving the new campus name.</p> <p>Y. Bhatia provided additional detail for the Board regarding the campus and its location.</p> <p>ACTION ITEM: Consider and take action on resolution approving “Uplift Crescendo Preparatory – Primary School” as the formal name</p>	Upon motion by J. Beckert, and seconded by J. McPherson, the Board unanimously approved the resolution approving “Uplift Crescendo Preparatory – Primary School” as the formal name of the campus located on Cooks Lane in Tarrant County, as presented.

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III. Purchase of Real Property Located at 9743 East RL Thornton Freeway.	<p>The resolution approves the purchase of the real property located at 9743 East RL Thornton, on which a new Uplift Luna PreK-12th grade campus will be built. The LOI and Sale and Purchase Agreement have been executed and this resolution signifies the Board’s approval.</p> <p>Y. Bhatia provided an overview of the real property for the Board and the rationale for the purchase. Ultimately, the plan is for Uplift to move its Luna campuses (primary and secondary) to this property. R. Frapart provided additional context as well, informing the Board that the Facilities Committee had spent a lot of time vetting the property and the rationale for the purchase.</p> <p>The Board discussed the scholar headcount expected at the new site once built and issues regarding the current Luna sites, such as not being traditional campuses and the primary school not having a playground.</p> <p>ACTION ITEM: Consider and take action on the resolution approving the purchase of real property located at 9743 East RL Thornton Freeway.</p> <p>The reimbursement resolution signifies that Uplift intends to reimburse itself for money it has already spent on “facilities projects” with tax exempt bond proceeds dollars which we have not yet issued or received. J. Jahnke explained the resolution is for tax purposes.</p> <p>ACTION ITEM: Consider and take action on reimbursement resolution for facilities projects.</p>	<p>Upon motion by A. Fuentes, and seconded by L. Melville, the Board unanimously approved the resolution approving the purchase of real property located at 9743 East RL Thornton Freeway, as presented.</p> <p>Upon motion by J. Beckert, and seconded by A. McEwing, the Board unanimously approved the resolution approving the reimbursement of funds for facilities projects.</p>
IV. Community Forum	No persons signed up to speak during the community forum.	
VII. Adjournment	There being no further business before the Board, R. Frapart adjourned the meeting at 4:32 p.m.	

Respectfully submitted, Alexander S. Berk, Secretary.

