

## Meeting Minutes

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Belton Preparatory Academy Board of Directors</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>10/11/23</b>
<b>Facilitator</b>	Angie King	<b>Time</b>	6:30pm
<b>Location</b>	Zoom	<b>Scribe</b>	Amanda Dyar Moss
<b>Attendees</b>	Angie King, Blake Cooper, Zach MacInnis, Amanda Dyar Moss, Candace Whitfield, and Rachel Sibilio (all via Zoom)		
<b>Public Attendees</b>	All via Zoom--Bill Roach, Mr. V, Neth Nettles; Jamie Drummond, Vonda Collins Hurt, Cherry Owens, Sydney Bell, DeAnna Ellison, Eric Owens, Bryan Murphy, Ashley Smith, Alyssa Allen, Cody Gilliam, The Pilgrim Family, Julianna Tucker, Christopher Todd, Christina Hollingsworth, Stephanie Murray, Crystal Shirley, Rachael Carver, Kristal Knox, Michael & Erica McClain, Shelley Carpenter, Jordan Ponder, Brittany, Kerri Faith & Edward Cooper, Ashlee Coody, Nichole Jones, Kim Bruce, Steve & Kate Beherns, Marci Hahn, Mikalyn McMurray, Kinsley & Logan Vickery, Deidra Mull, Stephanie Mattison, Abby Baine, Jennifer Crowe, Tara Montgomery, Mandy Taylor, Amanda Taylor, Amber, April, J. Crowe, Megan Patterson, Morgan Dial		

Key Points Discussed		
No.	Topic	Highlights
1.	Call to Order	Meeting called to order at 6:32pm by Angie King
2.	Invocation	Invocation led by Angie King
3.	Pledge of Allegiance	All members and guests recited the Pledge of Allegiance
4.	Freedom of Information Act Compliance	In compliance with FOIA. The agenda was posted on Tuesday, October 10th, 2023, to the website and the BPA Facebook page. The agenda was posted at BPA.
5.	Approval of Agenda	Motion to amend the agenda to allow for address by William "Bill" Roach of the Erskine Charter Institute by Angie King, Amanda Moss 2nd, All in favor. Motion carries.

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6.	Address by William "Bill" Roach	<p>Statement by Mr. Roach as follows:</p> <p>Thank you for allowing me to address the board this evening. As a result of recent discussions regarding the employment status of staff at Belton Preparatory Academy, the Charter Institute contacted the Public Employee Benefit Authority (PEBA) for clarification regarding participants in the state benefit pool. PEBA confirmed that employees participating in the state system must be in the direct employment of a charter school and may not be contracted employees. Accordingly, all BPA participants in PEBA must be employees of Belton Preparatory Academy to have lawfully participated in the system. If BPA participants in PEBA are not employees of the school, then the Institute will be required to report this to PEBA for investigation by the State. It is PEBA and the Institute's position that the employees of BPA who have PEBA benefits work for the school/board. With that being said please confirm the employing entity for all BPA participants in PEBA no later than the close of business on Friday, October 13.</p>
6.	Executive Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Legal Matters</li> </ul>	<p>The BPA School board had previously retained legal counsel with Todd Atwater. However, Mr. Atwater removed himself as the BOD counsel in February 2023. The Charter Institute has recommended the board meet to establish legal counsel.</p> <p>Motion to move into executive session at 6:53 p.m. Angie King, 2<sup>nd</sup> Amanda Moss, All in favor, motion carries.</p> <p>Motion to end executive session made by Rachel Sibilio, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Zack MacInnis; All in favor, motion carries.</p>
7.	Possible action item(s) from the executive Session	Motion to retain counsel with Neth Nettles of Lyles, Darr, Nettles, LLC by Angie King, 2 <sup>nd</sup> by Amanda Dyar Moss. All in favor; Motion carries.
8.	Miscellaneous/Other from the Board	Statement provided by Angie King: The board has retained legal counsel to review the issues and concerns both from and regarding the charter and EMO as well as the concerns of the faculty, staff and parents. We will be holding ongoing discussions with our legal team, the Institute and the EMO and look to resolve these matters as quickly and efficiently as possible while keeping the children of BPA at the forefront.
9.	Next Meeting	December meeting TBA
		Motion to adjourn at 9:34 p.m. by Amanda Dyar Moss, 2 <sup>nd</sup> by Zack MacInnis; All in favor; motion carries.

<b>Action Plan</b>			
<b>No.</b>	<b>Action Item(s)</b>	<b>Owner</b>	<b>Target Date</b>
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<b>Board Member Signatures</b>		
<b>No.</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Signature</b>
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Put in the form of a motion: The board has retained legal counsel to review the issues and concerns both from and regarding the charter and EMO as well as the concerns of the faculty, staff and parents. We will be holding ongoing discussions with our legal team, the Institute and the EMO and look to resolve these matters as quickly and efficiently as possible while keeping the children of BPA at the forefront.