

**Orenda Charter Schools
Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 24, 2010
2915 Williams Drive
Georgetown, TX 78628**

Board Members in Attendance: Andrew Cottrill, President
Travis Graves, Vice-President
Lesley Rousey, Secretary
Liz Mealy, Member
Herman Matthews, Member

Administrative Attendees: Richard N. Rickey, Superintendent
Linda Kelly, Asst. Superintendent/Dir. Of School Operations
Margina Escobar, Business Manager
Steve Werlein, Principal Gateway Schools
Tommy Turner, Director Community Relations/Development
Cathy Ramirez, Campus Coordinator, Williams House School

Invited Guests: Brad Pfluger, Pfluger & Associates
Sean Conner, Pfluger & Associates

I. Welcome/Determination of Quorum/Call to Order/Introduction of Invited Guests

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m., by President Andrew Cottrill by announcing the presence of a quorum, that the meeting had been duly called and notice of the meeting had been posted for time and in the manner required by law.

II. Hearing of Citizens Who Desire to Come Before the Board

No citizens asked to speak before the Board.

III. Recognitions/Presentations

Presentation by Cathy Ramirez, Campus Coordinator, Williams House School

IV. **Action** on March 1, 2010 Board Meeting Minutes

Lesley Rousey made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 1, 2010 meeting. The motion was seconded by Herman Matthews and approved unanimously.

V. Financial Reports by the Business Office Manger, Margina Escobar.

A. **Action** on OCS YTD April 20th Financial Report

Business Office Manager Margina Escobar presented the Orenda Charter Schools' Financial Report as of April 20, 2010.

B. **Action** on OCS 2009-10 Budget Amendments

Business Office Manager Margina Escobar presented the 2009-2010 Budget Amendments.

Travis Graves made a motion to approve the OCS Financial Report and the OCS budget amendments as presented. The motion was seconded by Liz Mealy and approved unanimously.

VI. Academic and Instruction Reports by Assistant Superintendent/Director of School Operations, Linda Kelly

A. Update on TEA RF Corrective Action Plan

Linda Kelly updated the board on the TEA RF Corrective Action Plan.

B. Update on Accountability Rating Appeal

Linda Kelly updated the board on the Accountability Rating Appeal.

VII. Old Business

A. **Action** on Gateway School Building & Property

Staff members with Pfluger & Associates went over the plans for the Gateway College Prep School temporary site and presented and promoted their services.

Mr. Rickey made a presentation on the Qualified School Construction Bond program. Herman Matthews made a motion to contract with Government Capital Securities Corporation as financial advisor on the QSCB and Pfluger & Associates and Steger Bizzell for pre-construction services. The motion was seconded by Liz Mealy and approved unanimously.

With enrollment growth exceeding current capacity a board resolution was adopted to relocate the Gateway College Prep School from Williams Drive to another site until a permanent site is secured.

Discussion followed on the Request for Qualifications of a Construction Manager at Risk.

VIII. Superintendent's Report

A. Report on the Texas Charter School Conference

Superintendent Richard N. Rickey reported to the board on the Texas Charter School Conference.

B. Update on Charter Expansion Amendment

Superintendent Richard N. Rickey updated the board on the Charter Expansion Amendment.

C. Update on existing residential school campuses

Superintendent Richard N. Rickey updated the board on the existing residential school campuses.

D. Update on Gateway Tech High School and Gateway College Prep School campuses

Superintendent Richard N. Rickey updated the board on the Gateway Tech High School and Gateway College Prep School campuses.

IX. New Business

A. Board & Leadership Annual Appraisals [**Closed Session**]

The board was instructed on how to fill out the confidential on-line board appraisal survey. Results of the survey will be made available to the board by or before the next meeting.

X. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m. The next meeting was scheduled for August 16, 2010 at 5:30 p.m.

Board Secretary