

**Bridges Preparatory Board of Directors
Minutes of the Monthly Board Meeting, 7/26/2022
Held at Bridges Preparatory Main Campus,
555 Robert Smalls Parkway, Beaufort SC 29906**

Board Member Attendance

	Name	Office	Present	Absent	Arrived Late	Departed Early
1	Tom Angelo	Board Chair	x			
2	Bryan Merrick	Vice Chair	x			
3	Chiffon McNeil	Treasurer	x			
4	Michelle Fraser	Director	x			
5	Jon Brown	Secretary	x			
6	Beth Taggart	Director		x		
7	David Gault	Director	x			
8	Dawn Yerace	Director		x		
9	Chris Ketchie	Director	x			

Staff Members in Attendance: Gary McCulloch, Jessica McMillian, Caroline Lovell

- A. CALL TO ORDER, ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM**
 - a. Upon determining the presence of a quorum, Vice Chairman Merrick called the meeting to order at 5:32 PM.**
- B. PUBLIC MEETING**
 - a. MISSION STATEMENT**
 - a. The Bridges Preparatory Mission Statement was recited aloud by Vice Chairman Merrick.**
 - b. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
 - c. STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT**
 - a. Vice Chairman Merrick stated that the media was notified of the meeting, including the listing on the BPS website and at all campus locations. It was done within the 24-hour requirement.**
 - d. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**
 - a. Motion made by Director Fraser to adopt agenda, seconded by Director Ketchie, motion carried.**
 - e. MOTION made by Secretary Brown to enter an executive session, seconded by Director Fraser, motion carried.**
- C. EXECUTIVE SESSION**
 - a. Section 30-4-70(a)(1) Discussion of employment, appointment, compensation, promotion, demotion, discipline, or release of an employee, a student, or a person regulated by a public body or the appointment of a person to a public body.**
 - b. Section 30-4-70(a)(2) Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements and proposed sale or purchase of property, the receipt of legal advice where the legal advice relates to a pending, threatened, or potential claim or other matters covered by the attorney-client privilege, settlement of legal claims, or the position of the public agency in other adversary situations involving the assertion against the agency of a claim.**

- D. **MOTION** made by Director Gault to end executive session, seconded by Director Fraser, motion carried.
- E. **PUBLIC MEETING**
 - a. **CEO REPORT (Mr. McCulloch)**
 - a. BPS is ready for another school year. Currently fully staffed and with new faculty we are at 139 staff members.
 - b. CEO McCulloch thank the board for passing the revised salary scale and BPS employees are grateful for it.
 - c. Next week we will have open house for new families as well as welcoming staff so they can prepare their classrooms.
 - d. We have entered a partnership with the Governor's School. More information will be sent out to our families once all the details have been finalized for an information night.
 - e. Currently have 913 applications to date.
 - f. Currently have 1273 confirmed seats for the school year, with 5 offers out.
 - b. **PTO REPORT**
 - a. N/A
 - c. **ATHLETICS REPORT**
 - a. N/A
 - d. **CHARTER RENEWAL (Mr. McCulloch)**
 - a. Charter committee will meet on August 15th @ 4PM.
 - e. **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT (Tom Angelo)**
 - a. Waiting for Architect to finalize drawings for bid. Finalizing USDA documentation. Hope to have everything ready for bid by end of month.
 - f. **TREASURER'S REPORT**
 - a. Treasurer McNeil presented the financial report for the month of June, the details of which are available on a separate document.
 - b. **MOTION** made by Director Gault to accept the June financials report, seconded by Director Ketchie, motion passed without dissent.
 - g. **Announcements / Good of the Order**
 - a. N/A
 - h. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - a. **MOTION** made by Director Ketchie to approve the minutes from the June meeting, seconded by Director Fraser, motion passes.
 - i. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - a. **Handbook**
 - 1. **MOTION** made by Secretary Brown to approve the proposed handbook submitted to the board, seconded by Vice Chair Merrick, motion passed.
 - b. **Guidebook**
 - 1. CEO McCulloch presented information about proposed changes to the employee guidebook.
 - 2. **MOTION** made by Director Fraser to approve the updated Employee guidebook, seconded by Vice Chair Merrick, motion carried.
 - c. **Student Dress Code**
 - 1. CEO McCulloch presented updated dress code policy.
 - 2. **MOTION** made by Secretary Brown approve the proposed Dress Code Policy. Seconded by Director Fraser, motion carried.
 - d. **5 Year Strategic Planning Committee**
 - 1. CEO McCulloch presented information on a 5-year strategic plan. He asked for a steering committee to be created to compile the 5-year plan.

