



**B.E.S.T. ACADEMY MINUTES:
REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
DIRECTORS December 7, 2022**

A meeting of the Board of Directors (the “**Board**”) of Brookfield Engineering Science and Technology Academy Charter School (“**B.E.S.T.**” or the “**School**”) was held on Wednesday, December 7, 2022, by online Zoom meeting.

Directors Present: Kristine Stanga, Ognen Nastov, Joseph Cipres, and Chad Leptich

Directors Absent: Edward Singh

Also Present: James “Jim” Mays, Alex Soriano, Cory Cavanah, Joel Manwarren, Daniel Crook, Monique Escobedo, and Donna Colbert

1. **CALL TO ORDER** Board President Kristine Stanga called the meeting to order at 5:30pm. A quorum of the directors was present, and the meeting, having been duly convened, was ready to proceed with business.

2. **Approval of Agenda:** *It is recommended by the Board of Directors, adopt as amended, the agenda for the Regular Board Meeting of December 7, 2022.*

Approval Motion: Joseph Cipres **Second:** Ognen Nastov **Ayes:** All

2.1 Roll Call

Edward Singh - *absent*

Joseph Cipres - *aye*

Ognen Nastov - *aye*

Chad Leptich – *aye*

Kristine Stanga - *aye*

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Led by: Cory Cavanah

4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS / RECOGNITION / REPORTS**

None

5. **CORRESPONDENCE/PROPOSALS/REPORTS/INFORMATION**

a. Enrollment Update: Mr. Soriano presented the current enrollment numbers to The Board.

b. Homeschool Update: Mr. Soriano discussed parent and student interest increase as B.E.S.T. Academy moves to support homeschool students.

c. Brown Act Update: Mr. Soriano shared information that was provided by legal counsel in regard to upcoming changes to Board Meetings and Board Members.

6. APPROVAL OF CONSOLIDATED MOTION FOR CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters under the consent agenda are considered by the Board to be routine, and will be approved, ratified, and enacted in one motion in the form listed below. Unless specifically requested by a board member for further discussion or removed from the agenda, there will be no more discussion on these items prior to Board vote. Comments by the Board may be made at the discretion of the Chairperson.

Approval Motion: Ognen Nastov **Second:** Joseph Cipres **Ayes:** All

8.1 Roll Call

Edward Singh - *absent*

Joseph Cipres - *aye*

Ognen Nastov - *aye*

Chad Leptich - *aye*

Kristine Stanga - *aye*

a. Approval of the Minutes: *Board Meeting of November 5, 2022*

b. Check Register: *November 2022 Check Register*

c. Expense Reports: *November Reimbursements*

7. ACTION ITEMS

a. 2022-23 1st Interim Financial Report

Mr. Cavanah presented the 2022-23 1st Interim Financial Report for The Board's approval.

Approval Motion: Joseph Cipres **Second:** Ognen Nastov **Ayes:** All

7.1a Roll Call

Edward Singh - *absent*

Joseph Cipres - *aye*

Ognen Nastov - *aye*

Chad Leptich - *aye*

Kristine Stanga - *aye*

b. Education Code 35035 Executive Director duties:

i. Board gives the authority to the Executive Directors to replace one vendor for another vendor for like services. The new vendor will be ratified in a future board meeting.

Mr. Soriano discussed the need for Executive Director authority to replace one vendor for another vendor for like services.

Approval Motion: Ognen Nastov **Second:** Joseph Cipres **Ayes:** All

7.1b Roll Call

Edward Singh - *absent*

Joseph Cipres - *aye*

Ognen Nastov - *aye*

Chad Leptich - *aye*

Kristine Stanga - *aye*

c. Regular Board meeting date change: From March 1, 2023 to February 28, 2023.

i. Approval of this change moves the regular board meeting one day earlier.

Mr. Soriano requested to move the February 28, 2023 meeting to March 1, 2023.

Approval Motion: Ognen Nastov **Second:** Joseph Cipres **Ayes:** All

7.1c Roll Call

Edward Singh - *absent*

Joseph Cipres - *aye*

Ognen Nastov - *aye*

Chad Leptich - *aye*

Kristine Stanga - *aye*

d. Cancel the April 5, 2023 Regular Board Meeting:

Mr. Soriano requested to cancel the April 5, 2023 Board Meeting.

Approval Motion: Joseph Cipres **Second:** Ognen Nastov **Ayes:** All

7.1d Roll Call

Edward Singh - *absent*

Joseph Cipres - *aye*

Ognen Nastov - *aye*

Chad Leptich - *aye*

Kristine Stanga - *aye*

e. Audit Report for year ending June 30, 2022 :

i. Christy White LLC has audited the financial statements of Barker Blue Dog dba

B.E.S.T. Academy (the “Charter”) which comprise the statement of financial position as of June 30, 2022, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Mr. Soriano presented the audit report for Board approval.

Approval Motion: Ognen Nastov **Second:** Joseph Cipres **Ayes:** All

7.1e Roll Call

Edward Singh - *absent*

Joseph Cipres - *aye*

Ognen Nastov - *aye*

Chad Leptich - *aye*

Kristine Stanga - *aye*

f. School Plan for School Achievement

Mr. Crook presented the School Plan for School Achievement or Board approval.

Approval Motion: Ognen Nastov **Second:** Joseph Cipres **Ayes:** All

7.1f Roll Call

Edward Singh - *absent*

Joseph Cipres - *aye*

Ognen Nastov - *aye*

Chad Leptich - *aye*

Kristine Stanga - *aye*

8. BOARD COMMENTS:

Mr. Nastov commended Mr. Cavanah for his financial plan. Mr. Leptich echoed the sentiments. Mrs. Stanga thanked the staff for their hard work for the students and the community. She thanked the Executive Directors for their dedication and hard work for all of the B.E.S.T. Academy students and staff.

9. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S COMMENTS:

Mr. Mays expressed his appreciation to The Board for their continued support and wished everyone happy holidays. Mr. Soriano thanked the board for working together for the best possible outcomes for B.E.S.T. Academy Charter.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

10.1a Roll Call

Edward Singh - *absent*

Joseph Cipres - *aye*

Ognen Nastov - *aye*
Chad Leptich - *aye*
Kristine Stanga - *aye*

Upcoming BEST Academy Board Meetings:

- February 1, 2022
- March 1, 2022
- May 3, 2022
- June 7, 2022
- June 28, 2022

Meeting adjourned 6:22pm