



**B.E.S.T. ACADEMY MINUTES:
REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
DIRECTORS September 1, 2021**

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, September 1, 2021, by online Zoom meeting.

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

Directors Absent:

Also Present: James “Jim” Mays, Alex Soriano, Daniel Crook, Cory Cavanah, Jason Arca, 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 presented, the agenda for the Regular Board Meeting of September 1, 2021.*

Approval Motion: Joseph Cipres **Second:** Chad Leptich **Ayes:** All

2.1 Roll Call

Edward Singh - *aye*

Joseph Cipres - *aye*

Ognen Nastov - *aye*

Chad Leptich – *aye*

Kristine Stanga - *aye*

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by: Ognen Nastov

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS / RECOGNITION / REPORTS

No members of the public shared any comments.

5. CORRESPONDENCE/PROPOSALS/REPORTS/INFORMATION

a. August Financial Report: Mr. Mays presented the August financial plan to the Board.

b. ESSER III Plan: Mr. Crook explained the ESSER III Expenditure 3- Year Plan to the Board.

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

6.1 Roll Call

Edward Singh - *aye*

Joseph Cipres - *aye*

Ognen Nastov - *aye*

Chad Leptich - *aye*

Kristine Stanga - *aye*

a. Approval of the Minutes: *Board Meeting of August 4, 2021*

b. Expense Reports: *August Reimbursements*

c. Check Register: *August 2021 Check Register*

7. ACTION ITEMS

a. Organization of the Board of Directors:

i. Election of President-Kristine Stanga nominated to continue as Board President.

Approval Motion: Joseph Cipres **Second:** Chad Leptich **Ayes:** All

7.1a Roll Call

Edward Singh - *aye*

Joseph Cipres - *aye*

Ognen Nastov - *aye*

Chad Leptich - *aye*

ii. Election of Vice President- Joseph Cipres nominated to continue as Board Vice President.

Approval Motion: Edward Singh **Second:** Chad Leptich **Ayes:** All

7.1a Roll Call

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

iii. Appoint Secretary to the Board- Motion to continue with Alex Soriano as the Secretary to the Board.

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

7.1a Roll Call

Edward Singh – *aye*
Joseph Cipres - *aye*
Ognen Nastov - *aye*
Chad Leptich - *aye*
Kristine Stanga - *aye*

b. Independent Study Policy: Mr. Soriano presented the Independent Study Policy and changes in the Master Agreements to reflect the Independent Study Policy updates to the Board.

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

7.1b Roll Call

Edward Singh - *aye*
Joseph Cipres - *aye*
Ognen Nastov - *aye*
Chad Leptich - *aye*
Kristine Stanga - *aye*

c. 2020-21 Unaudited Actuals Report: Mr. Cavanah presented 2020-21 Unaudited Actuals Report.

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

7.1c Roll Call

Edward Singh - *aye*
Joseph Cipres - *aye*
Ognen Nastov - *aye*
Chad Leptich - *aye*
Kristine Stanga – *aye*

d. Overdrive Contract for Online Novels: Mr. Mays discussed the Overdrive Contract

for online digital novels. Assigned novels for student curriculum are digitally available through Overdrive rather than send physical novels to each student.

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

7.1d Roll Call

Edward Singh - *aye*

Joseph Cipres - *aye*

Ognen Nastov - *aye*

Chad Leptich - *aye*

Kristine Stanga - *aye*

e. Board Policy Amendment - number of voting Board Members to an odd number:

Mr. Soriano discussed amending the School Board Member bylaws to have adapt an odd number of board members. Having an odd number of board members would help to assist voting measures in the case of future split votes for tie breakers. After researching other similar size school districts, Mr. Soriano suggested 5 voting board members.

Approval Motion: Edward Singh **Second:** Joseph Cipres **Ayes:** All

7.1e Roll Call

Edward Singh - *aye*

Joseph Cipres - *aye*

Ognen Nastov - *aye*

Chad Leptich - *aye*

Kristine Stanga - *aye*

f. Tutor.com proposal for online Tutoring: Mr. Soriano presented the information for Tutor.com for students who may need additional help. The service is available 24/7 for student assistance. The tutoring service allows B.E.S.T. Academy to pay as needed. There is no minimum amount payable to Tutor.com.

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

7.1f Roll Call

Edward Singh - *aye*

Joseph Cipres - *aye*

Ognen Nastov - *aye*

Chad Leptich - *aye*

Kristine Stanga - *aye*

g. Starfish Contract: Mr. Soriano presented the Starfish Contract which provides educators with equity support and professional development.

Approval Motion: Edward Singh **Second:** Chad Leptich **Ayes:** All

7.1g Roll Call

Edward Singh - *aye*
Joseph Cipres - *aye*
Ognen Nastov - *aye*
Chad Leptich - *aye*
Kristine Stanga - *aye*

h. Uniform Complaint Procedure and Conflict of Interest Policy: Mr. Soriano discussed the Uniform Complaint Procedure and Conflict of Interest Policy and procedures that B.E.S.T. Academy will make these policies available to the parents.

Approval Motion: Joseph Cipres **Second:** Chad Leptich **Ayes:** All

7.1h Roll Call

Edward Singh - *aye*
Joseph Cipres - *aye*
Ognen Nastov - *aye*
Chad Leptich - *aye*
Kristine Stanga - *aye*

8. BOARD COMMENTS:

Mr. Singh expressed his thanks to the Board President and Vice President for all of the support and leadership. Additionally, Mr. Singh expressed his appreciation to the directors as well. Mr. Leptich expressed his gratitude to the Executive Directors for putting on the B.E.S.T. Academy's professional development 3-day workshop. Mr. Cipres and Mrs. Stanga wanted to echo the benefits of the professional development workshop and express their appreciation to Mr. Mays and Mr. Soriano.

9. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS:

Mr. Mays wished Mr. Nastov a happy birthday. Mr. Mays added he appreciated the Board for supporting this in-person professional development.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

Approval Motion: Edward Singh **Second:** Joseph Cipres **Ayes:** All

12.1a Roll Call

Edward Singh - *aye*
Joseph Cipres - *aye*
Ognen Nastov - *aye*
Michal Alchikh - *aye*
Chad Leptich - *aye*
Kristine Stanga - *aye*

Upcoming BEST Academy Board Meetings:

- October 6, 2021
- November 3, 2021
- December 1, 2021
- February 2, 2022
- March 2, 2022
- April 6, 2022
- May 4, 2022
- June 1, 2022

Meeting adjourned 7:01