



JUMOKE ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Zoom Session

“Loving Scholars, Nurturing Minds, Empowering Futures”

Friday, August 16, 2024 - 9:00 am

Meeting ID: 828 7226 3781

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Board Member Present:

Suzette Debeatham-Brown, Community Representative
Myron Stewart, Teacher Representative
Janelle Lester, Teacher Representative
Leticia Acosta, Teacher Representative
Sam Gray, Jr., Community Representative

Staff Present: Troy Monroe, Christine Chinni, Sharron Solomon-McCarthy, Ana Marcil, Heather Jacobi and Sheila Osborn.

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The Jumoke Academy Special Board of Directors meeting was called to order on Friday, August 16th at 9:00 am by the CEO/Superintendent. The Superintendent stated that the Special Board meeting is called to address one agenda item, discussion and action on election of board chair for the 2024-25 academic year.

II. DISCUSSION & ACTION ON ELECTION OF NEW BOARD CHAIR

Attorney Chinni stated that the board bylaws require that each board member serve no more than two consecutive 5-year terms. Mr. Michel, the former board chair, has served on the board for 10 years and has cycled off effective June 30, 2024.

A chair must be in place to manage the business of the board inclusive of Convocation and Board Retreat. Legal counsel and the Superintendent spoke with the State and was informed that a board chair must be in place per the rules of the bylaws.

The Superintendent asked if there were any questions, none were asked.

The Superintendent called for nominations for a board chair. Board member Debeatham-Brown made a motion to nominate board member Sam Gray, Jr. for Board Chair and this was seconded by board member Acosta.

The Superintendent asked if there were any other nominations, none were given. Board member Debeatham-Brown motioned for the nominations to be closed, this was seconded by board member Stewart.

The CEO/Superintendent called for a vote to elect nominated board member Gray as the new board chair. The vote carried unanimously and there were no abstentions or oppositions.

Board member Gray thanked everyone for their vote and further stated that he looks forward to the start of the academic year, meeting all members of the board and building relationships. He further stated that this is a time of transition for him as he is leaving the Boys and Girls Club of Hartford in the capacity of CEO for the

Boys and Girls Club of America. That being said, while he has taken on a greater responsibility he will remain local. He is very excited about Jumoke Academy and how the board can support the leadership and faculty. He spoke passionately about the work to be done at the retreat and taking a deeper dive into promoting student success and being more impactful in our communities.

The CEO/Superintendent thanked board member Gray for accepting the responsibility as the new Board Chair. He further stated that he looks forward to some synergy with the Board Chair and furtherance of the work to be done in supporting the Academy. He stated that there will be challenges and his hope is that as a team we will work together to get through them. The CEO/Superintendent thanked the board for their support as we move forward to the future.

Attorney Chinni thanked members of the board for their efforts to come together with such short notice and applaud their efforts to be in the meeting.

The CEO/Superintendent thanked Attorney Chinni for her input. He reminded the board that the retreat is scheduled for Saturday, September 7th at the Mandell JCC Foundation and breakfast and lunch will be provided. Additionally, the first meeting of the board for the 2024-25 academic year is scheduled for Tuesday, October 8th at 6:00 pm. The Jumoke Academy Convocation is scheduled for Friday, August 23rd and it is customary that members of the board attend. The new Board Chair confirmed his attendance.

III. ADJOURNMENT

The CEO/Superintendent requested a motion to adjourn the Special Board meeting; board member Acosta moved and board member Debeatham-Brown seconded. There were no oppositions nor abstentions and the vote carried unanimously. The Special Board Meeting concluded at 9:10 am.

*****Board Retreat Saturday, Sep 7, 2024 at 8:30 am (Mandell JCC Foundation Board Room)**

*****Next Regular Board Meeting Tuesday, Oct 8, 2024 at 6:00 pm**