



ASPIRE CHARTER ACADEMY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DATE: October 8, 2021

MINUTES

Meeting Called By	Tom Durkee, President
Type of Meeting	Board Meeting
Facilitator(s)	Tom Durkee, Pam Schenkel, Shanda Fox
Start Time	6 p.m.
Attendees	Tom Durkee, Dave Herbster, Elaine Fitzgerald, Sharon Owens, Pam Schenkel, Shanda Fox via Zoom. We were also joined by Antonio Hughes. Patrick Washington was represented by Dave Herbster.
Absent	Charisma Cyprian
Approval of Minutes	Dave Herbster made a motion to approve the minutes from previous board meeting and Elaine Fitzgerald seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

Discussion: Pat Washington was presented as a potential board member. He has served the communities in Orlando for a number of years. Antonio Hughes was presented by Shanda Fox. Lt. Hughes has retired from the Orange County Sheriff's office and is now employed by Eagle Global. Eagle Global is our Guardian Security agency and Lt. Hughes is a supervisor for our campus. Dave Herbster made a motion to accept both Mr. Washington and Lt. Hughes as new board members. Elaine Fitzgerald seconded the motion. It was passed unanimously.

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Discussion: Aspire has agreed to continue with the OCPS Mental Health Plan and Zero Tolerance Policy of OCPS. Board approved.

Discussion: Aspire has one teacher (Nicole Rivera Douglas) who is (technically) Out of Field for ESOL. All papers/documents have been submitted to parents and to the OCPS School Choice office. She has completed all requirements, but will only add ESOL to her certificate after she has completed her Reading Endorsement.

Discussion: Aspire is offering an Extended Day program. Before care opens at 7:00am and after care ends at 5:00pm. This has helped Aspire attract families who need that service.

Discussion: Aspire is selling House T-shirts. We have 4 houses. Each shirt costs \$10. Sales are going well.

Discussion: There is a real teacher shortage. We are currently looking for additional staff.

Discussion: Next Board Meeting: February 18, 2022 at 6:00pm via Zoom.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40pm.