

Family Connection-Communities In Schools of Athens

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Meeting date & location: June 23, 2022, First American Bank conference room (with four Board members joining virtually)

Draft minutes to be presented at next Board meeting by: Secretary Joan Bertsch

Board members present: Alexia Ridley (presiding), Gary Bertsch, Joan Bertsch, David Bradley, Daniel Epting, Jack Frierson, Donarell Green, Michaela Lawrence Jeffery, Erin Thompson Podvin, Rachel Tribble, and Jennifer Zwirn

Elected Board members absent: Erin Barger, Katrina Evans, Shannon Brooks, Courtney Davis, Susan Fontaine, Patrick Howard, Shawanda Johnson, Aseel Mansour, Greg Roseboro, and Hadiza Saar

Staff present: Executive Director Tim Johnson, Neighborhood Leaders Director Terris Thomas, and Administrative Assistant Cheri Smithson

Voting items & reports	
Agenda item	Motion/action or report
Opening	President Alexia Ridley welcomed all. Executive Director Tim Johnson shared a bright spot
Program/Project Report	Tim described the process and support of the Mayor and Commission in allocated additional FY 2022 funding and significantly increased FY 2023 funding for the Neighborhood Leaders program.
Staff and Board Committee reports	Written reports from Board committee chairs and administrative staff were provided and will be emailed along with the draft minutes.
Minutes	Secretary Joan Bertsch presented the minutes of the April Board meeting (which had been emailed previously). A minor printing error was pointed out and to be corrected. A motion was made to adopt the minutes with that correction, it was seconded, and it was unanimously approved.
Board Development Committee	<p>1. Board Development Committee Chair Gary Bertsch presented the proposed slate of new Board members (previously emailed). A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved to elect the following as new Board members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Valerie Bell-Director of Athens Regional Library System • Lizette Guevara, Neighborhood Leader, J.J. Harris Zone (nonvoting) • Alice Kinman-UGA Sr. Lecturer; former ACC Commissioner and FC-CIS Board member • Adam Kurtz-Director Special Ed, Elbert County; former CCSD principal • Paul Kurtz-Retired UGA Law Professor and former FC-CIS Board member • Erin Thompson Podvin-Director of Community Programs, ESP Inc. • Denise Spangler-Dean, UGA College of Education <p>2. Gary expressed appreciation to Board members whose terms are ending and are leaving the Board: Erin Barger, Katrina Evans, Susan Fontaine, Shawanda Johnson, and Rachel Tribble.</p> <p>3. Gary presented nominations for re-election of three Board members whose first terms are ending (previously emailed). A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved to re-elect the following to a second term on the Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daniel Epting

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Donarell Green • Shannon Brooks <p>4. Gary presented nominations for FY 2023 officers. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved to re-elect the following three officers to serve through FY 2023:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alexia Ridley, President • Shannon Brooks, Vice President • Joan Bertsch, Secretary <p>5. Gary reported that Treasurer Jane Broyles resigned the day before the Board meeting for health reasons and is unable to serve in FY 2023. Appreciation and best wishes were expressed. On a temporary basis, David Bradley, Jennifer Zwirn, and Courtney Davis are willing to work together with David serving officially as treasurer in the interim. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved to elect David Bradley as treasurer, with the understanding that other options will be pursued.</p> <p>6. Gary shared that the following will chair committees in FY 2023: Executive: Alexia Ridley Executive Director Succession: Shannon Brooks Board Development: Gary Bertsch Finance: David Bradley (with Jennifer Zwirn and Courtney Davis) Resource Development: to be determined Communications: Michaela Lawrence Jeffery</p> <p>He also noted that Programs and Partnerships will no longer be a separate committee. Its work will be incorporated into the Communications Committee.</p>
Finance Committee	<p>As noted above, the treasurer resigned from the Board due to health reasons. Tim updated the Board on the general financial status. The proposed FY 2023 budget that had been emailed was discussed. A motion was made to approve the proposed FY 2023 budget, seconded, and unanimously approved.</p>
Executive/Personnel Committee	<p>Alexia shared a change to our Finance Policies & Procedures to add language on procurement to comply with requirements requested in May by the Athens-Clarke County Department of Housing & Community Development. The change was approved at the <u>May meeting of the Executive Committee. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved to affirm the decision of the Executive Committee.</u></p>
Focus conversation:	<p><u>New Board member orientation will be held at the Bertsches' home at 6 pm on a weeknight in late July. All Board members will be invited to drop in afterward to meet and welcome the new Board members.</u></p>
Adjournment	<p><u>The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.</u></p>