

## Deer Valley Charter Schools, Inc.

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Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of Deer Valley Charter Schools, Inc.

Date: January 13, 2021, 6:00pm

Location: 3050 W. Agua Fria Freeway, Suite 250, Phoenix, AZ 85027

1. **Call to Order.** Board President Arlene Duston called the meeting to order at 6:08pm.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance.** Board members stood to repeat the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Roll Call.** Board members present were Arlene Duston, Vicki Boone, David Stong and Michael Deiana (telephonically). Katheryn Hedges was absent. Also present were Executive Director Barbara Dalicandro and Kristin Morgan of ASPIRE.
4. **Adoption of the Agenda.** Mr. Stong moved to adopt the agenda. Mrs. Boone seconded the motion and it passed with a vote of 4-0. (Boone, Deiana, Duston and Stong voted in favor)
5. **Approval of Board Members for January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2022.** Mr. Stong moved to re-elect by acclamation Arlene Duston, Katheryn Hedges and David Stong for a 2-year term from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2022. Mrs. Boone seconded the motion. Nomination forms were in the board book. The motion passed with a vote of 4-0. (Boone, Deiana, Duston and Stong voted in favor)
6. **Organizational Meeting – Election of Officers**
  - A. Election of Board of Directors President. Mr. Stong moved to re-elect Mrs. Duston as President. Mr. Deiana seconded the motion. It carried with a vote of 4-0. (Boone, Deiana, Duston and Stong voted in favor)
  - B. Election of Board of Directors Secretary/Treasurer. Mrs. Duston moved to re-elect Mr. Stong as Secretary/Treasurer. Mrs. Boone seconded the motion and it carried with a vote of 3-0-1. (Boone, Deiana, and Duston voted in favor; Stong abstained from voting.)
7. **Public Comments.** None.
8. **Reports.**
  - A. Board of Directors Report. No reports.
  - B. Executive Director’s Report. Ms. Barbara Dalicandro presented a narrative of the Academic Achievement and Assessment Goal Report prepared by Mrs. Dannene Truett, Director of Professional Growth. The report included statistics on Math and ELA mid-term and final grades in Sessions 1 through 3 which ended in December. Every class was analyzed to determine a 5% increase in A’s and 5% decrease in F’s. In Session 1, 4 of 6 groups met the goals. In Session 2, 3 of 8 groups met the goals. In Session 3, 1 of 8 groups met its goal. Virtual learning and teacher-student contacts have an impact on these results. Ms. Dalicandro also stated the charter only enrollments decreased with recent graduates but total course enrollments increased in Session 4.

### Board of Directors

Arlene Duston, president ♦ David Stong, secretary/treasurer  
Vicki Boone ♦ Michael Deiana ♦ Katheryn Hedges

**9. Approval of Minutes.**

- A. Minutes of the Deer Valley Charter Schools, Inc. Regular Board of Directors Meeting of October 6, 2020. Mr. Stong moved to approve the minutes presented. Mrs. Boone seconded the motion and it passed with a vote of 4-0. (Boone, Deiana, Duston and Stong voted in favor)

**10. Other Reports.**

- A. Financial Report. Mrs. Kristin Morgan held her report for Executive Session.

**11. New Business.**

- A. Approval of Personnel Additions/Changes for Session Four. Mr. Stong moved to approve the personnel additions/changes presented. Mr. Deiana seconded the motion. Ms. Dalicandro noted the resignation of Mrs. Truett for health and family reasons but she has agreed to complete assigned projects. The motion carried with a vote of 4-0. (Boone, Deiana, Duston and Stong voted in favor)
- B. Approval of Staff Handbook. Mr. Stong moved to approve the Staff Handbook presented. Mrs. Boone seconded the motion and it passed with a vote of 4-0. (Boone, Deiana, Duston and Stong voted in favor)
- C. Approval of Employee Manual. Mr. Stong moved to approve the Employee Manual and Mrs. Boone seconded the motion. Motion carried with a vote of 4-0. (Boone, Deiana, Duston and Stong voted in favor)
- D. Approval of Emergency Response Plan. Mr. Stong moved to approve the Emergency Response Plan. Mrs. Boone seconded the motion. Motion carried with a vote of 4-0. (Boone, Deiana, Duston and Stong voted in favor)
- E. Approval of Blended Learning Instruction. Mr. Stong moved to approve continuing Blended Learning Instruction as the educational delivery method at DVA for 2021. Mrs. Boone seconded the motion and it carried with a vote of 4-0. (Boone, Deiana, Duston and Stong voted in favor)
- F. Approval of the Proclamation to Declare January 24-January 30, 2021 as National School Choice Week. Mr. Stong moved to approve the Proclamation and Mrs. Boone seconded the motion. Mrs. Duston read the proclamation. Motion carried with a vote of 4-0. (Boone, Deiana, Duston and Stong voted in favor)

**12. CALL for an EXECUTIVE SESSION.**

- A. Pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03.A.1 – Discussion or consideration of employment, assignment, appointment, promotion, demotion, dismissal, salaries, disciplining or resignation of a public officer, appointee or employee of any public body.  
Principal/Executive Director/Staff
- B. Pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03.A.7 – Discussions or consultations with designated representatives of the public body in order to consider its position and instruct its representatives regarding negotiations for the purchase, sale or lease of real property. At 6:48pm, Mr. Stong moved to enter Executive Session. Mrs. Boone seconded the motion and it passed with a vote of 4-0. (Boone, Deiana, Duston and Stong voted in favor). Mr. Deiana left the meeting at 7:09pm.

At 7:38pm, Mr. Stong moved to return to public session. Mrs. Boone seconded the motion and it carried with a vote of 3-0. (Boone, Duston and Stong voted in favor)

**13. Action if any from Executive Session.** Mr. Stong moved to approve the December 2020 incentives for employees. Mrs. Boone seconded the motion and it carried with a vote of 3-0. (Boone, Duston and Stong voted in favor). Mr. Stong moved to approve the change of date for the March meeting to March 10, 2021. Mrs. Boone seconded the motion and it carried with a vote of 3-0. (Boone, Duston and Stong voted in favor)

**14. Adjournment.** At 7:40pm, Mr. Stong moved to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Boone seconded the motion and it carried with a vote of 3-0. (Boone, Duston and Stong voted in favor)

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_