



**The Franklin School of Innovation
Board Meeting Minutes – 10-12-2021
In-person Meeting at FSI 6pm-8pm
61 Innovation Drive, Big Ben Room 139**

**A Google Meet Link was available for individuals wishing to join remotely:
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Our Mission:

The Franklin School of Innovation is preparing the next generation of leaders, capable of solving problems and participating effectively and ethically as local and global citizens. Through challenging academics, real-world learning, and community engagement, our students discover their potential, develop persistence, and recognize the value of others. Our graduates are ready for the future they will create.

Board Responsibilities:

We ensure The Franklin School of Innovation's compliance to its contract with the NC Department of Public Instruction, set and monitor the implementation of school policies, manage the school's annual budget and financial planning, and hire and evaluate the performance of our school's Executive Director. The Board develops and drives the School's strategic plan and provides appropriate governance.

Agenda Item	Purpose	Who	Materials	Time
<p>CALL TO ORDER The meeting shall be brought to order by the Board Chair, __AH__ at __6:11__ p.m.</p> <p>ROLL CALL The Board Chair took roll of members present: Jon Blalock Beth Russo Sarah Dickson (taking minutes) Michael LePage Jaime Grob Grinell Brian Courcelle Al Glicksberg Alisa Hove Michelle Vruwink (ED) Allison Sturtevant-Gilliam Susan Ramos</p>	Update	Al Glicksberg Alisa Hove		6:00 - 6:05

<p>APPROVAL OF AGENDA Shall the Board approve the Agenda Items? Motion by __AH__ Second by __ML__ Vote: <u>YES</u> to approve agenda</p> <p>CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES Shall the Board approve the minutes of the Sept. 14 Board Meeting? Motion by ML Second by <u>SD</u> Vote: <u>YES</u> to approve</p> <p>Shall the Board approve the minutes of the called Sept. 27 Board Meeting?</p> <p>Motion by ML Second by <u>SD</u> Vote: <u>YES</u> to approve - JG, SR, AH abstain</p>	Review & Vote	Al Glicksberg Alisa Hove	FSI Meeting Minutes 14 Sept 2021 FSI Called Meeting 27 Sept 2021	6:05 – 6:10
<p>PUBLIC COMMENT This agenda item is included for the purpose of giving anyone in attendance the opportunity to comment on a non-agenda item with the Board. There will be a three-minute time limit per person. The audience is not to applaud nor demonstrate disapproval for the comments made. The Board may respond asking for clarification only. No action may be taken at this meeting on any issue raised.</p> <p>NONE</p>		Al Glicksberg Alisa Hove		6:10 – 6:25
<p>ADMINISTRATORS UPDATE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Summary of Activities ● Update on Enrollment ● COVID-19 Ongoing Testing Program & Contact Tracing ● Advisory Council for Access Grant <p>See Director’s Update Document and Notes at end*</p>	Update	Michelle Vruwink Tony Freeman & Sarah Jean Smith	Michelle will email separately	6:25 – 6:45
<p>FINANCE UPDATE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Update on financing building expansion <p>BC mentioned that there was not a true update on the loan. MV mentioned that the initial payment to the Architect was made. Plans and permits have started.</p>	Update	Michelle Vruwink & Brian Courcelle		6:45 - 6:55
<p>Action Plan For the Board</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Fundraising Committee Recruitment ● Annual Fund ● Plan for onboarding new Treasurer and new Secretary for the Board ● Determine Goals and date for Board onboarding orientation in January 	Discussion	Michelle Vruwink, Alisa Hove & Al Glicksberg		6:55 - 7:25

Need more Board members. Need Secretary and Treasurer, Board Development, Fundraising and Marketing. ML will work on Board recruiting. Send ideas to him. Roles & Responsibilities for Board Members need to be updated. Schedule an orientation for Board members in the Winter. Board asked to send emails to AG and AH for ideas for Board Orientation. ML offered to send out a survey for this. Have 10 board members currently, would like 11-13 ppl.				
CLOSED SESSION – Personnel Nothing to discuss	Discuss			7:25 - 7:35
ADJOURNMENT 1. Shall the Board adjourn the meeting at ____p.m.? Motion by _AG__ Second by _BC__ Vote: _YES__ vote to approve Closing notes: AH mentioned Giving Tuesday and goal and Board Member help	Vote			7:35

*Director's Update Notes:

- Currently 669 students, budgeted 690 - reasons leaving include mental health and anxiety issues of students
- MV updated demographics of students 45 girls, 55 boys
- Suspensions updated - working on in-school detentions instead of out of school detentions
- Budget- no state budget at this time
- Waiting on Emergency Connectivity grant
- Drafting audit: MV reviewed and will ask BC to review then submit, strong financial year last year
- Partnerships
 - MV reviewing & connecting with a Foster Grandparent Organization from ASG
 - Blue Ridge Health with sessions from a Behavioral Counselor
 - Dental Clinic
 - Resources for Resilience
 - Flu Shot Clinic
- Submitted 3 remote learning plans to the state
 - one for weather days
 - one for remote learning emergency days
 - one to extend to individual students who are medically fragile
- Access Grant - have meeting tomorrow to work on, submit in October
- Expeditions are underway- 10th grade to work on Immigration and 11th grade Habitat and housing
- During Directors Update- JB mentioned the Public Service Loan Program updates to share with teachers.