

THE GO BIG FOUNDATION

BOARD MEETING MINUTES



MEETING DETAILS

February 2024

Thursday, February 15, 2024

Location: Virtual

Virtual Meeting Link:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6025972619?pwd=WDhuRINObkpmTmZYQkRpQWpabkLLdz09&omn=84192825266>

Passcode: GOBIG

CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Directors of the GO BIG Foundation held a special meeting on 2/15/2024. The meeting was presided over by CPH. LT acted as secretary, taking minutes. CPH called the meeting to order at 6:39 PM.

ROLL CALL

CBH conducted an audible roll call. *A simple majority of the number of Board Members in attendance establishes a quorum. A quorum was present.*

Member Name	Position	Attendance
Dr. Crystal Pemberton Howe	President	Present
Erin Howe	Vice President	Present
LaChun Tiller	Secretary	Present
Elaine Liberato Jenkins	Director	Present
Antonio Jenkins	Director	Absent
Joe Arakkal	Director	Absent
Dr. Tieren Scott	Director	Present

ATTENDANCE

Voting members in attendance:

- Dr. Crystal Pemberton Howe, Co-Founder & Chair (CH)
- Erin Howe, Co-Founder & Vice Chair (EH)
- LaChun Tiller, Secretary (LT)
- Elaine Liberato Jenkins, Member (ELJ)
- Dr. Tieren Scott, Member (TS)

Members not in attendance: N/A

- Joe Arakkal, Member (JA)
- Antonio Jenkins, Member (AJ)

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Additional Attendees:

N/A

READING OF VISION AND MISSION STATEMENTS

EH conducted a reading of both the vision and the mission.

APPROVAL OF CURRENT MEETING AGENDA

Motion: EH moved to approve the current meeting agenda. LT seconded the motion.

Discussion: There was no discussion regarding the motion.

Vote Result: By a voice vote, the motion carried.

Vote Count: All in favor/No abstentions

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comments are a time for the community to provide feedback to the Board of Directors. For in-person meetings, attendees must sign up at the start of the meeting if they desire to give a public comment. Each community member is limited to three minutes of comment, with up to 30 minutes allotted to public comments. During remote meetings, attendees may add their public comments to the chat feature which will be sent directly to the Board of Directors. Board members will then share the comments with the meeting attendees for up to 10 minutes.

Public comments are also a time for the Board of Directors to listen to the feedback of the community. Board members cannot respond to public comments during the meeting. However, the Board recognizes that each stakeholder is a vital part of our community and will consider comments when making decisions, planning, providing feedback to the administration, and completing committee work.

No public comments were brought before the Board.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

N/A

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

N/A

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

N/A

NEW BUSINESS

1. Enrollment Decrease - Amendment Request

Summary: We received a call from the Office of Charter Schools, and they asked if we plan to amend numbers by decreasing the number, considering enrollment trends due to the difficulty of charter schools meeting enrollment numbers. The Office of Charter Schools recommends that we do not decrease the numbers by more than 150 learners.

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Board Member ELJ requested further discussion surrounding the suggested number of 150 students or less. Board member EH provided more clarification on how the number of applications

Motion: EH moved to table the enrollment decrease amendment until the Board has had the moment to discuss the facility status update. ELJ seconded the motion.

Discussion: There was no discussion regarding the motion.

Vote Result: The motion was carried by a voice vote (*viva voce*).

Vote Count: 5 in favor/0 opposed/0 abstentions

Motion: EH moved to amend the enrollment numbers from 300 to 150 for the 2024-2025 school year. TS seconded the motion.

Discussion: There was no discussion regarding the motion.

Vote Result: The motion was carried by a voice vote (*viva voce*).

Vote Count: 5 in favor/0 opposed/0 abstentions

2. Facility Status Update

(CLOSED SESSION)

§ 143-318.11. **Closed sessions.**

(a) *Permitted Purposes.* - It is the policy of this State that closed sessions shall be held only when required to permit a public body to act in the public interest as permitted in this section. A public body may hold a closed session and exclude the public only when a closed session is required:

(4) *To discuss matters relating to the location or expansion of industries or other businesses in the area served by the public body, including agreement on a tentative list of economic development incentives that may be offered by the public body in negotiations, or to discuss matters relating to military installation closure or realignment. Any action approving the signing of an economic development contract or commitment, or the action authorizing the payment of economic development expenditures, shall be taken in an open session.*

(5) *To establish, or to instruct the public body's staff or negotiating agents concerning the position to be taken by or on behalf of the public body in negotiating (i) the price and other material terms of a contract or proposed contract for the acquisition of real property by purchase, option, exchange, or lease; or (ii) the amount of compensation and other material terms of an employment contract or proposed employment contract.*

Motion: EH moved to go into a closed session at 6:03 pm. ELJ seconded the motion.

Discussion: N/A

Vote Result: The motion was carried by a voice vote (*viva voce*).

Vote Count: 5 in favor/0 opposed/0 abstentions

Motion: EH moved to exit the closed session at 6:38 pm. ELJ seconded the motion.

Discussion: N/A

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Vote Result: The motion was carried by a voice vote (*viva voice*).

Vote Count: 5 in favor/0 opposed/0 abstentions

3. LOI Review

Motion: ELJ moved to review both options of facilities. EH seconded the motion.

Discussion: N/A

Vote Result: The motion was carried by a voice vote (*viva voice*).

Vote Count: 5 in favor/0 opposed/0 abstentions

Motion: EH moved to approve the revised LOI for the facility we are currently negotiating while simultaneously pursuing the contingency discussed during the closed session. LT seconded the motion.

Discussion: N/A

Vote Result: The motion was carried by a voice vote (*viva voice*).

Vote Count: 5 in favor/0 opposed/0 abstentions

4. Appointment of Bank Account Signees

Summary: GOBIG needs an active bank account to make purchases with active Board Members and needs to vote for two new members. LT volunteered to be a person on the account. She nominated ELJ. ELJ declined due to scheduling conflicts. LT nominated TS. TS agreed to serve as the second new signee. EH recused herself from the vote.

Motion: ELJ moved to appoint LT and TS as appointed signees for the official bank account documentation. TS seconded the motion.

Discussion: N/A

Vote Result: The motion was carried by a voice vote (*viva voice*).

Vote Count: #4 in favor/#0 opposed/#1 abstentions

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- CPH asked that the Board continue to seek and make recommendations for board members with legal and financial expertise.
- EH also encouraged the Board to provide recommendations for potential board members with the capacity, willingness, and knowledge or experience to serve in the role of Chair and Vice Chair.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: EH moved to adjourn the meeting. TS seconded the motion.

Discussion: N/A

Vote Result: The motion was/was not carried by a voice vote (*viva voice*).

Vote Count: #5 in favor/0 opposed/0 abstentions

The meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m.