

THE GO BIG FOUNDATION

BOARD MEETING MINUTES



MEETING DETAILS

February 2024

Tuesday, February 5, 2024

Location: Virtual

Virtual Meeting Link:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6025972619?pwd=WDhuRINObkpmTmZYQkRpQWpabkILdz09&omn=81104094116>

Meeting ID: 602 597 2619

Passcode: GOBIG

CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Directors of the G.O. B.I.G. Foundation held a special meeting on 2/5/2024. The meeting was presided over by CPH. L.T. acted as secretary, taking minutes. CPH called the meeting to order at 6:39 PM.

ROLL CALL

CPH 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	Present
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)
- Antonio Jenkins, Member (AJ)
- Joe Arakkal, Member (JA)
- Dr. Tieren Scott, Member (TS)

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Members not in attendance: N/A

Additional Attendees:

N/A

READING OF VISION AND MISSION STATEMENTS

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

APPROVAL OF CURRENT MEETING AGENDA

Motion: LT moved to approve the current meeting agenda. AJ 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

Conflict of Interest (Realtor Services) - Kenielle Albany

Motion: EH moved to accept Kenielle Albany's letter of resignation from the G.O. B.I.G. school board as a current member due to a conflict of interest as a realtor. ELJ seconded the motion.

Discussion: AJ asked for clarification regarding the need to revisit the contract for Ms. Albany's services that the Board previously agreed upon. CPH clarified that there was no need to revisit the contract. The Board's decision to move forward with signing the contract stands. The Board can proceed with signing the contract now that Ms. Albany is no longer a member of the Board. AJ asked if any of the financial aspects of Ms. Albany's contract would change now that she is no longer a member of the Board. CPH clarified that the terms of Ms. Albany's contract will

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remain the same. EH clarified that Ms. Albany will still receive no direct compensation from the GO BIG Board.

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

Vote Count: All in favor/No abstentions

Motion: CPH moved to insert an agenda topic on “Appointing a Designated Signer.” EH 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: All in favor/No abstentions

Appointing a Designated Signer

CPH clarified that the Board will need to appoint a designated signer to secure facilities, LOI, and contract with Mrs. Kenielle Albany.

Motion: ELJ moved to appoint a collective designated signer to secure facilities, LOI, and contract with Mrs. Kenielle Albany. AJ 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: All in favor/No abstentions

CPH advised that the board appoints two designated signors who are not related. EH would like to appoint two designated signors.

Motion: EH moved to appoint CPH and LT as the two designated signors to secure the facilities, LOI, and contract with Mrs. Kenielle Albany. 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: All in favor/No abstentions

NEW BUSINESS

Board Membership Updates

CPH advised Kenielle Albany had to resign as a Board member due to a conflict of interest, and Manosh Mukerji had to resign from the Board due to personal conflicts effective immediately. The board needs to make a motion for the acceptance of their resignation.

Motion: AJ moved to accept the resignation of Manosh Mukerji from the board of directors for GOBIG. CPH 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: All in favor/No abstentions

(CLOSED SESSION)

§ 143-318.11. Closed sessions.

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(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.*

The Board did not enter into a closed session.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- We are currently building an advisory board with Jill Thompson. Also, of the Dottie Rose Foundation, Dr. Sharon Jones will work alongside Jill Thompson as an advisor. Dr. Jones will also assist with funding. The advisory board will assist with STEM, funding, and technology goods.
- The Marketing committee will meet on 02/06/2024 to discuss upcoming events.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Discussion: N/A

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

Vote Count: All in favor/No abstentions

The meeting was adjourned at 7:26 p.m.