



NEO Board of Directors Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, September 18, 2024

The September meeting of the NEO Board of Directors commenced at 8:05 AM at the NEO Center.
Present: Sam Burgett, Amelia Hessling (zoom), Wynton Jones, Mark Lutze, Richard Severe, Scott Williams

Absent: Dexter Harris (was on zoom briefly), Lupe Valtierra, Frances Vega

Also Present: Adreinne Carrol, Jennifer Jennings, Rebecca Reiner

1. **Mission Moment:** Rebecca read the NEO Mission and shared recent interaction with two high school students that highlighted the valuable role we play in creating opportunities for students.
2. **Consent Agenda:** The Board reviewed the Consent Agenda items; Richard moved to approve the consent agenda; the motion was seconded and approved unanimously for:
 - a. August 14, 2024, Board Meeting Minutes
 - b. July Financial statement and July and August Dockets
 - c. September Director's Report for July and August
3. **ED Selection Update:** Richard reported that the ED Selection Committee will meet on Wednesday, September 25. Members of the committee are Adreinne Carrol, Jennifer Jennings, Mark Lutze, Reichard Severe, Lupe Valtierra, and Frances Vega.
4. **Board Retreat:** Amelia shared that the planned Board Retreat will take place in January. The date and times will be confirmed at the October Board meeting.
5. **23-24 Goals Report:** The board reviewed and discussed NEO's 2023-2024 Goals End of Year Report. Adreinne explained the meaning of Measurable Skills Gains (MSG) and the reasons that the Adult Ed program did not meet that goal. Rebecca offered insight into the New Vistas High School goals and outcomes. Scott initiated a discussion about the certification approval process. Adreinne stated that she believes that the future of Adult Education is directly tied to Career Paths, and this is a priority area for her this year. Scott expressed his interest in learning more about this area, especially as it pertains to the proposed Maker Lab.
6. **24-25 Priorities, Plans, and Goals:** Jennifer and Rebecca led the Board in a discussion on the "Key Issues Facing NEO" document and the updated 24-25 Preliminary Budget. The Board contributed additional ideas and commitments. (see Action Items Document) and will be included in the 24-25 Goals document to be shared at the October Board meeting.
7. **Common School Fund Charter & Innovation School Advancement Loan:** Rebecca presented the Board with the option to request an extension to the current deferment on this loan to extend through January – June 2025. Mark made the motion to have Rebecca request the deferment of loan payments through June 2025. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.
8. **New Vistas Charter School Renewal Application:** Rebecca reported on New Vistas Charter School Renewal Application that is due to Ball State's Office of Charter Schools on October 1. She will be sending out a copy of the application for Board review and comment next week. The BSU's Office of

Charter Schools' team will be on site on October 14 for a Community Forum from 3:30 -5:30 (to be confirmed. Board members are encouraged to attend.

9. **Construction Loan Update:** Rebecca, Scott, and Jennifer met with Matt Vessley and Alan Whipps from 1st Source and have started the construction loan application process. This will be presented and discussed at the October Board meeting before any formal action is taken on this.
10. **Adjournment:** Scott moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:56. AM

Respectfully Submitted by Rebecca Reiner

Approved by Mark Lutze, *Secretary*:


