

Brooke Governance Committee
Meeting Minutes: August 12, 2020
Virtual Zoom Meeting

Members in Attendance: Merry Boak, Devita McConnell, Trevor Rozier-Byrd, LaTasha Sarpy, Jonathan Garland, Natasha Williams, Tom O' Rourke

Brooke Staff in Attendance: Hagar Berlin, Jon Clark, Kimberly Steadman, David Jordan, Mark Loring, Yvette Philip

Meeting Minutes

- Open Meeting Protocol
 - Calling meeting to order and record attendance
 - Inviting public comment from any community members present; no members are present
- Board Business
 - Vote to approve the Board Minutes from May 14, 2020
 - Motion by Tom
 - Seconded by Devita
 - All in favor - motion passes
 - Update from Board Chair (Merry B.) and Vice Chair (Devita M.) on Board Member Check-ins, Committees, and new member orientation
 - Merry and Devita are in the process of having conversations with individual members about aspirations and goals for board engagement. Will plan to distill these thoughts and share with Kimberly and Jon on how to support Brooke within Board meetings and beyond.
 - Updates from Hagar B.
 - Regularly scheduled committee meetings will resume in advance of the September Board Meeting; New board members to choose and be brought on to committees.
 - Board orientation will take the form of 3, 1-hour long remote sessions to take place in the early fall
- Refinance Opportunities
 - Discuss options to refinance Brooke debt
 - Taking advantage of historically low rates, in order to set some interest aside and pay off the highest interest debt first
 - After many months of deliberation, landed at refinancing up old and current debts in order to repay our building debt within 16 years, while reducing both annual payments and interest expenses
 - Will allow added flexibility to take on additional debt in the future for the Athletic fields project
 - Questions

- Discuss other local schools and districts' plans this fall - Jonathan G. shares his children's charter school has released news that the board voted to go 100% remote until mid-October and reevaluate then.
- Vote on our plans to begin the school year remotely; and vote on changing the length of the school year to 180 days for 2020-2021
 - Latasha - motion
 - Jonathan - second
 - All in favor - motion passed unanimously