

University Prep Board Meeting – 7/30/24

Minutes

7:08 – 9:36 AM

Board Attendance: Cuneyt Akay, Emily Eikelberner, Nicholas Martinez, Brenna Copeland, Jean De La Mata, Brenna Copeland, Recardo Brooks and David Braemer

Board Absence(s): Veronica Lockett

Staff Attendance: David Singer (ED), Alastair Dawe (COO), and Liz Suarez (CAO)

External Attendance: Andrew Bray (Strategic Planning Consultant), Eric Hall (Attorney), Barrett Weisz (Attorney)

Call to Order: Cuneyt Akay (Board Chair) called the meeting to order

Meeting Launch: The meeting launched with a brief opportunity for personal connections between board members.

CMAS Proficiency Review & Goal Setting for 2024-25: David Singer (ED) and Liz Suarez (CAO) walked the board through a deck illustrating CMAS proficiency data from the 2023-24 school year. Suarez and Singer shared that a full picture of data would not be available until mid-August at the earliest when growth data is made available and that preliminary state SPF results would also be available in late August or September. In reviewing 2023-24 data, network leadership shared an analysis of performance bands, outcomes in relation to local and city-wide results and comparisons to similar school clusters (including a deep dive on correlation scatter plots illustrating poverty and proficiency). The board engaged in discussion tied to factors leading to current results with an understanding that the performance discussion would be revisited in more detail once additional data sets were available. Singer closed by sharing the 2024-25 Lead & Lag Measure goals including a brief rationale of the minor tweaks being made to those goals from the previous school year.

Strategic Plan Review & Approval: Based on time constraints, the Board Chair recommended bumping back the Strategic Plan Review & Approval portion of the meeting, per the original agenda, to the next board meeting.

Personnel Matter: The board received an update and information tied to a personnel situation from Barrett Weisz.

At 8:20 AM, the board entered Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter, pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(b). Only members of the U Prep board, senior leadership and the networks' legal counsel were present for the Executive Session. Board Chair, Cuneyt Akay, motioned the board into its executive session with a second from Brenna Copeland and a unanimous vote of approval.

At 9:30 AM the board exited Executive session

Following a brief review of general updates, the meeting was adjourned at 9:36 AM