



**Casa Esperanza Montessori
Minutes of the Board of Directors
August 15, 2020 - 11:00 a.m.**

The following are minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors of Casa Esperanza Montessori School Incorporated, a North Carolina non-profit corporation, (the “School”), via teleconference at the time and date noted above.

Member	Present	Absent
Monique Taylor Chair	X	
Seraka Davis Vice Chair	X	
Alice Ward Treasurer	X	
Mike Slipsky Secretary	X	
Dan Chilton	X	
Jon Lee	X	
Monica Perry	X	
Seth Wood	X	
GeRita Connor Head of School	X	

Also present at the meeting was Anna Foley.

Proper notice having been given and a quorum of directors being present, the meeting was called to order by Mrs. Taylor at 11:02 a.m.

I. WELCOME

Mrs. Taylor welcomed everyone.

Conflict of interest statement read and presented along with mission statement.

II. CONSENT AGENDA

Mrs. Ward motioned to approve consent agenda, Mr. Lee seconded and all approved 6-0.

Mrs. Taylor motioned to approve the minutes from the June 18th meeting, Mr. Chilton seconded and all approved 8-0.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comments presented.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS: No announcements presented.

V. OLD BUSINESS

BCCG Engagement – Board has additional questions and requests to meet with BCCG next week.

Project Timeline – Finance committee was tasked with confirming information from the State’s plan so that the Board can review at the September meeting.

Real Estate Check Request – Board agreed that this business item remains tabled until further information is received.

Borrowers’ Counsel Representation – At 12:19 Mr. Wood recused himself from the discussion. Mr. Slipsky shared that he has worked on bond deals with McGuire Woods but is not in the same firm nor has any affiliation

with the firm. Mrs. Ward motioned that Casa engages with McGuire Woods as Borrowers Counsel in the bond and facility project; Mrs. Perry seconded and the motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Wood rejoined the discussion.

The Board reviewed goals for each committee this year and will make an effort to support faculty morale even while faculty is offsite. Board committees for this year and the chair person(s) for each are appointed as follows:

Board Affairs (Seraka Davis, Seth Wood); Communications (Monique Taylor); Development (Jon Lee, Mike Slipsky); Construction & Facility Management (Monica Perry, Monique Taylor); Executive (Monique Taylor, Seraka Davis) and Finance (Alice Ward, Dan Chilton). Meeting schedules will be provided to Mrs. Cooke.

The Board agreed to meet biweekly through the end of the calendar year since multiple and time-sensitive updates are anticipated related to the facility project management and finance.

Mr. Chilton made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:52 p.m., Mr. Wood seconded and all approved 8-0.

Monique Taylor / 09/29/20 Monique Taylor, Board Chair

Mike Slipsky / **10/8/20** Mike Slipsky, Board Secretary
