



**Casa Esperanza Montessori  
Minutes of the Board of Directors  
January 15, 2021 - 3:00 p.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”), held 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 were Anna Foley and Barbara Cooke.

Proper notice having been given and a quorum of directors being present, the meeting was called to order by Mrs. Taylor at 3:00 p.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 the consent agenda as presented with revision of adding a new business item, Mr. Slipsky seconded and all approve 7-0

III. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

IV. **NEW BUSINESS:**

Appraisal order which is part of the financing. Truist will be ordering the appraisal on our behalf.

Mr. Slipsky motioned to approve the appraisal order at \$2,100, Mr. Ward seconded and all approve 7-0

V. **OLD BUSINESS:**

Reopening Phase – board representatives met with the school improvement team earlier this week, the request by staff is to extend Plan C for at least two more weeks or until a covid-19 vaccine is available for staff members. There is significant concern by staff as presented by the team, and they would like the board's consideration before the next phase of opening.

Mr. Slipsky motioned to approve extending Plan C through March 1<sup>st</sup> with board reconvening on February 18<sup>th</sup>, unless the board determines that the vaccine is readily available prior to such dated, Mrs. Davis seconded and all approved 7-0.

Mr. Wood motioned to approve the school offering child care while school is closed for classes, Mrs. Perry seconded and all approved 7-0.

Mrs. Ward motioned to move into closed session at 3:54 p.m. for a real estate matters: NC Gen. Statutes & 143-318.11(a)-(6). Mr. Wood seconded and all approved 7-0.

Mr. Slisky made a motion to return to open session at 4:20 p.m., Mrs. Ward seconded and all approved 7-0.

Mr. Slipsky motioned to accept our due diligence and to move forward with the purchase of the property under contract, Mrs. Perry seconded. Mr. Wood dissented. The motion passed 6-1.

Mrs. Davis made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:21 p.m., Mr. Lee seconded and all approved 7-0.

Monique Taylor / 02/08/2021 Monique Taylor, Board Chair

Michael Slipsky / 2/8/21 Mike Slipsky, Board Secretary