



**Casa Esperanza Montessori  
Minutes of the Board of Directors  
February 8, 2021 - 6:00 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 6:00 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, Mr. Slipsky seconded and all approve 8-0.

Mr. Chilton motioned to approve the board minutes from the January 21<sup>st</sup> and 27th meeting, Mr. Lee seconded and all approved 8-0.

III. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** none

IV. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:** none

**V. OLD BUSINESS:**

Reopening plan – information has been provided to the board prior to tonight’s meeting. Tonight the board will review a plan presented from the school side and make a decision whether to amend the reopening date of March 1<sup>st</sup>. A key change is the revised social distancing that has been recommended by the CDC, that distancing of 6 ft. is no longer necessary in grades K-5. It has been proposed to go back for 3 days on campus, 1 day for intense support for students and 1 day for deep cleaning. After extensive discussion it has been decided that the opening date will remain for March 1<sup>st</sup>. Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Perry, Mrs. Taylor and Mr. Wood agreed to consider additional measures to respond to faculty safety concerns and will follow up with Mrs. Connor.

Mr. Chilton made a motion to accept the reopening plan that Mrs. Connor has presented for those electing Plan B of Phase 2: on campus 3 days per week, 1 intervention day and 1 deep cleaning day, and slowly transitioning to 4 days on campus when the board decides. Mr. Slipsky seconded and all approved 8-0.

**VI. New Business:**

Mrs. Perry motioned to move into closed session at 7:08 p.m. for real estate matters: NC Gen. Statutes & 143-318.11(a)-(6). Mrs. Ward seconded and all approved 8-0.

Real estate updates – pending real estate transaction funded by CLI.

Real estate funding and resolutions – board reviewed legal documents presented by Borrower’s Counsel to prepare for real estate transaction.

Mr. Wood recused himself from the following portion of the discussion and left the meeting.

Real estate opportunity – The school’s real estate agent presented information for the board to consider regarding additional land. The board agreed that the focus would remain on the current project.

Mrs. Perry made a motion to return to open session at 7:48 p.m., Mr. Slipsky seconded and all approved 8-0.

Mr. Wood rejoined the meeting.

Mr. Slipsky made a motion to approve the resolutions for real estate funding and closing as drafted and presented, Mrs. Perry seconded and all approved 8-0

Lottery status – a detailed update on lottery submissions will be provided at a future meeting.

Mr. Chilton made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 p.m., Mrs. Perry seconded and all approved 8-0.

*Monique Taylor*

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Monique Taylor, Board Chair

*Michael Slipsky*

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Mike Slipsky, Board Secretary