

ATTENDING:

Dr. Yanira Oliveras-Ortiz, Dr. Michael Odell, Ms. Laura Owens, Mr. Tim Kennedy, Mr. Jeffrey Kennemer, Mr. Daniel Rodriguez, Ms. Angela Wright, Dr. Jo Ann Simmons, multiple directors, staff and parents.

OPENING:

The board meeting of the UT Tyler University Academy was called to order at 12:01 p.m. by Dr. Oliveras-Ortiz on Thursday, January 14, 2021 via Zoom teleconferencing.

1. Call to Order:

Dr. Oliveras-Ortiz confirmed a quorum of Board members were present.

2. Pledge:

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag
Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag

ACTION ITEMS:

3. Public Comment

- Dr. Oliveras and Ms. Krier confirmed no requests for public comment were received.

4. Swearing in of New Board Member, Mr. Tim Kennedy

- Mr. Kennedy completed the Statement of Officer and Oath of Office.

5. Consent Agenda

- Previous Minutes, November 5, 2020.
1st motion: Mr. Kennemer, 2nd motion: Mr. Rodriguez, Motion Passed 7-0.

6. Request Approval for 2019-2020 Financial Audit

- Mr. Darla Dear, Auditor, presented the Annual Finance Report, noting the charter utilized a portion of its fund balance as planned, but still remained under budgeted amounts with a positive fund balance. The charter received an unmodified opinion.
1st motion: Odell, 2nd motion: Kennemer, Motion Passed 7-0.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

7. 2019-2020 Texas Academic Performance Report (TAPR) & Annual Report

- Dr. Simmons presented and explained the Annual Report. Ms. Krier noted that Section 6 will not have post-secondary performance for one more year, related to UA's first Class of 2019, however post-secondary enrollment data was presented in its place.

8. Superintendent Report:

a. Financial Updates 2020-2021

Ms. Chesnut went over current budget figures.

b. District/Campus Enrollment/Attendance

Dr. Simmons reported total enrollment of 817 and 105 in remote learning with a district ADA of 97.24%. Waiting on information from TEA on whether remote learning will be an option for 2021-2022, if it is offered, we intend to move forward with offering it as we have a population of students who would likely not return if we no longer offered online learning.

c. Campus Updates

d. Administrative Updates

i. School Safety & Security Committee

Ms. Aimee Dennis, Tyler Campus Director, reported on the activities of the SSSC and that they are tasked with reviewing safety audit, and threat assessment data, and developing/updating the Emergency Operating Plan.

ii. Charter Expansion

Dr. Simmons discussed that university has approved for the charter to pursue charter expansion related to the 11/12 virtual campus. The Board will be presented with the expansion plans and application for final approval before submission to TEA, a Special Board Meeting will likely be needed to meet the application deadline.

Dr. Simmons offered thank you to the Board for Board Appreciation Month, farewell to Dr. Gray who resigned from the Board, and Mr. Kennedy for joining the Board. Ms. Dennis presented a Thank You from the students of Tyler Campus.

9. Motion for Adjournment:

1st motion: Dr. Odell, 2nd motion: Mr. Kennemer. Motion passed.

Adjournment occurred at 12:52 p.m.