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EGI Public Board Meeting Minutes

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The Board of Trustees of The Einstein Group will hold its **EGI Public Board Meeting at 9:00 AM on Saturday, June 28, 2025**. The meeting will be held in person at **Laelah's Event Gallery (4949 Bullard Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70128)**. Trustees of the Einstein Group will hold its annual board and leadership retreat following the business meeting.

Topic: **EGI Public Board Meeting June**
Time: 09:00 AM Central Time (US and Canada)

BOARD MEETING AGENDA:

- 1) Call to Order: 9:26 AM board meeting called to order
- 2) Roll Call
 - a) Robbie Robertson
 - b) Chavez Cammon
 - c) Dr. Raymond Delaney, Jr.
 - d) Clarice Kirkland
 - e) Maya Edwards
 - f) Angela Vance
- 3) Adoption of April and May Public Meeting Minutes
 - a) Motion to approve made by Clarice Kirkland
 - b) Seconded by Angela Vance
 - c) Vote: Approved unanimously
 - d) Public Comments: None

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- 4) FY 2025–2026 Proposed Budget & Financial Updates
 - a) The board discussed long-term fiscal sustainability aligned with the district's five-year financial plan.
 - b) Administration confirmed that utilizing funds from the healthy fund balance over the next two years is considered fiscally responsible. Longer-term spending in years 4 and 5 will require further evaluation.
 - c) Board Comments/Questions
 - i) **Non-Personnel Allocations for Regular Education:**
A board member raised a question regarding line items in the draft budget, particularly about the balance between academic and extracurricular investments. The discussion referenced previous



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board retreats and efforts to enhance student experience through band programs and extracurricular activities.

ii) **Family Engagement Activities Budget:**

Concern was expressed about a noticeable reduction in the family engagement budget. A board member highlighted the importance of these activities in fostering school culture and meaningful student-family connections.

(1) Response:

The reduction is due to a reclassification of expenditures tied to grant funding, particularly those supporting the Newcomers Program. Exact funding amounts are still pending confirmation.

iii) **Staffing and Organizational Design:**

A board member noted that ESSER and COVID-related funding temporarily increased staffing. However, strategic planning efforts have aimed to "right-size" the organization for long-term sustainability.

iv) **Comprehensive Planning for Student Enrichment:**

Board members emphasized the importance of developing a robust and sustainable plan to ensure that funds enhance the student experience across all EGI campuses (e.g., Reed, SF, VDLE, EMS).

(1) The board member expressed support for:

- (a) Investing in holistic educational experiences that balance academics, extracurriculars, and family engagement
- (b) Developing an actionable, measurable plan for fund allocation that demonstrates good stewardship and impact
- (c) Involving key stakeholders in the planning process

5) Board of Directors Report – Board Communications

- a) Acknowledgement and appreciation were extended to Mr. Chavez and Reed alumni for representing the board at recent community events.

ACTION ITEMS:

6) Resolution 6-27-25-1: Approval of SY 25-26 Student and Family Handbook/Homeless Student Policy-McKinney-Vento Act

- a) **Motion to approve:** Clarice Kirkland
- b) **Seconded by:** Robbie Robertson
- c) **Vote:** Approved unanimously

7) Adjournment

- a) **Motion to adjourn:** Dr. Raymond Delaney, Jr.
- b) **Seconded by:** Angela Vance
- c) **Meeting adjourned at 9:57 AM**



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Public comments can be submitted in-person via public comment card. Public comments submitted prior to the start of a particular meeting will be addressed. Public comments can only be made on action items listed in the meeting agenda and will be limited to a maximum of 2 minutes per individual.