

Denver College Success Corporation  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
January 8, 2020  
Gates Family Foundation  
1390 Lawrence St. Suite 400  
Denver, Colorado

Attendees: Board members: Angela Cobian, Mark Goodman, Akasha Asher, John Kechriotis, Theresa Pena; Advisors: Trey Rogers, Lori Fox, Maren Stewart, Rob McDaniel; Guests: Natasha Garfield – DSF, Charles Dukes – OCA, Dionne Williams – OCA, Jim Chavez – LAEF, Ana Soler – Gates Family Foundation, TeRay Esquibel – Gates Family Foundation

Call to Order: Steve called the meeting to order at 7:32. A quorum was present.

Approval of December Minutes: Theresa moved; Mark seconded. Passed unanimously.

Proposed Ordinance Changes: Trey reviewed draft changes and explained that OCA and the City Attorney have reviewed and given preliminary approval for DCSC to move forward. Mark expressed concern over changing the residency verification, thus significantly changing the original intent of the ordinance that would potentially allow non-Denver students. Angela stated that transiency is a real issue for DPS students and therefore residency verification is a challenge. Mark requested a briefing document that outlines rationale and arguments to support proposed ordinance changes to be used in meetings with city council. OCA offered to facilitate contacts with city council, alert mayor's office and begin process to introduce ordinance for city council consideration. Finance committee would review first and desire is to move ahead as quickly as possible. The process for city council outreach is yet to be determined.

Theresa moved and Angela seconded. All but one board member voted in favor. There was one abstention (Mark Goodman) for needing more information to defend/back up/brief. Theresa asked that board revisit question regarding institutional scholarships after the first distribution.

SO Cover Letter, Contract and Eligibility Application: Trey reviewed draft contract between DCSC and SOs. Rob reviewed draft cover letter to SOs and eligibility application. Theresa moved and Akasha seconded. Approved unanimously.

Board Policies: Trey explained that the ordinance gives the board discretion on a number of matters. Trey reviewed the proposed policies. Theresa moved and John seconded. Approved unanimously.

ACM as Auditors: Mark explained that auditors will conduct two separate audits – a compliance audit and a financial audit, per requirements in the ordinance. Trey noted that both letters need to include language regarding city vendors. Theresa moved approval with addition of language Trey recommended. Akasha seconded. Approved unanimously.

Guest comments: Dionne alerted us that City Auditor will be conducting audits of new organizations – focused on governance, policy and how organization is set up. Doing it for Caring for Denver now – likely will do one for DCSC.

Theresa stated that the ED search will be resurrected with the intent to select the search firm by the February board meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:17. Theresa moved; Angela seconded.