

MECC Board of Directors Meeting: December 10, 2021,

Attendees: Betty Massey, Jeri Kinnear, Angela Brown, Weez Doherty, Dustin Henry,
Marcus Parker

Staff: Karin Miller

Absent: Amber Brown, Erica Adams, John Prochaska, Deborah Jones, Karen Ratcliff,
and Chiqui Kennedy

The meeting was called to order at 1:07pm.

A quorum of the board was present.

No members of the public were present.

Motion to approve the minutes by Ms. Kinnear, seconded by Ms. Doherty. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Brown presented the Finance Committee submitted report which was followed by a motion by Ms. Kinnear and a second by Mr. Henry to approve report. The motion passed unanimously. Discussion of credit payment led to decision to make a \$214,000 payment in January to reduce the balance on the line of credit.

Ms. Massey asked members to spend a little time sharing their thoughts on long-range planning. GISD is starting a strategic planning process in January, which is anticipated to be completed by May. MECC's current strategic plan ends in August 2022. Ms. Massey suggests discussion with board on process for initiating strategic planning: consultant or in-house, etc. Further discussion led to consideration of having an internal planning session in January focused on being ready to respond to GISD should the district's planning lead to a request that MECC assume responsibility for all PreK and possibly even Kindergarten education for the district.

As part of the MECC scholarship committee, Mr. Parker and Dr. Jones met with Malia MacKenna and Irazema Garcia. Mr. Parker said several parents are having trouble with attending required courses. Ms. Miller stated that the courses are available online and that they can be taken when convenient for the parents. The online option may be more of a challenge for holding the parents accountable. Ms. Miller believes it may be a problem of the parents not being told to take the courses in the past.

Dr. Brown had drafted a letter to the members of MECC's Professional Advisory Board advising them of the dissolution of that board and their transition to MECC Ambassadors. Although she could not attend this board meeting, Dr. Brown wanted the MECC board's approval before she distributed the letter. By consent, the board approved the letter and its distribution.

Ms. Miller reviewed the Executive Director's report contained in the board materials, noting in particular:

*Moody Gardens sold MECC tickets at half-price for MECC Night at the Festival of Lights.

*Toys for Tots will be delivered next week. MECC will need a wrapping party.

*No response from Up Bring in regards to proposal to end contract.

*Staff is preparing for NAYEC recertification in February.

Next Board meeting: **January 28, 2022**

MECC Board meeting adjourned at 1:47 p.m.