MECC Board of Directors Meeting November 12, 2021

Attendees: Ms. Massey, Ms. Kinnear, Ms. Brown, Dr. Brown, Dr. Prochaska, Mr. Henry, Dr. Jones, Dr. Ratcliff, Ms. Doherty, Ms. Kennedy, Ms. Miller

Absent: Ms. Adams, Mr. Parker

The meeting was called to order at 1:11pm.

No members of the public were present, and a quorum Board was present.

Motion to approve the minutes with corrections by Ms. Kinnear, seconded by Ms. Brown. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Brown presented the financial report memorandum previously circulated to the Board.

Dr. Prochaska presented the 2021-22 committee assignments. Ms. Massey reviewed standing meeting times for each committee. This winter, the Board Governance Committee will be working on the Board and Executive Director annual evaluation.

Ms. Massey reported on the Mary Moody Northen Foundation application for \$10,000 towards equipping and implementing the MECC motor lab. Ms. Miller received a \$7,000 donation from Yaga's Children Fund. Ms. Massey also announced that we have submitted proposals to the Kempner Fund and the Ippolito Family Foundation.

Ms. Kinnear reported on an outreach effort to Dr. Jill Biden to invite her to visit MECC as a model example of Pre-K education.

Dr. Brown reported on progress towards forming the Ambassadors of MECC and Community Advisory Committee efforts.

Ms. Miller reviewed current enrollment, which is higher than anticipated, and reviewed ongoing outreach efforts. COVID impacts on development are being noticed in students, but staff are actively working on these setbacks and are making great progress. She reviewed upcoming parent engagement, staff development, and recruitment and retention plans. Ms. Miller then reviewed the upcoming presentation for the GISD board. Other content in her Executive Director's report was presented.

The MECC Board recessed into executive session at 1:55pm.

The Board returned to open session at 2:40pm. There was a motion to give notice to Upgrade and other relevant stakeholders listing our concerns and requesting termination of our Head

Start contract with 60-days' notice by Ms. Kinnear, seconded by Ms. Brown. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board adjourned at 2:48 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Dr. John Prochaska, Board Secretary