

MINUTES
DSST Public Schools Board Meeting
September 19, 2024
DSST: Elevate, Room 108

Meeting Called to Order: 2:06p.m.

Board Members Present:

Alyssa Whitehead-Bust*
Andrew Sinclair*
Brenda J. Allen
Billy Brown
David Greenberg
Dominick Moreno*
Fatima Rezaie
Glenn Russo
Gloria Zamora
Jean Kutner
Jim Taylor
Mary Haynes
Patrick O'Rourke
**Joined via zoom*

Parent/Guardian Present: None

Board Members Absent: Peter Fritzing, Teresa Berryman (on leave)

DSST Staff Present: Aaron Griffen, Andy Mendrop, Antwan Wilson, Ashley Wiegner*, Briana Mesa, Carrie Ramsey, Danielle Felder, Grant Erwin, Heather Haines-Koehler, Katie Glenn, Nella García Urban, Nick Plantan, Nicole Fulbright*, Travonda Favorite, Steve Coit
**Joined via zoom*

DPS Staff Present: Karley Ford

Others Present: David Suppes, Medford Moorer – board voting on nominations

Public Comment: None

Welcome:

Mr. Russo welcomed everyone to the meeting, introduced new attendees, and provided a brief overview of the layout for the board meetings for the school year. Following, Mr. Russo's overview the attendees participated in an icebreaker. After the icebreaker, Ms. García Urban introduced Briana Mesa, Elevate Northeast Middle School Director, and Travonda Favorite, Elevate Northeast High School Director. Ms. Mesa and Ms. Favorite each shared a brief overview of the school and then engaged in a Q&A with the board.

Approval Items:

Motion to approve previous board meeting minutes (June 13), Kutner

Second: Greenberg

Vote: Unanimous approval

Motion to approve DSST report card as presented, Russo

Second: Taylor

Vote: Unanimous approval

Motion to elect Medford Moorer as a DSST Board Member, effective September 2024,
Allen

Second: Haynes

Vote: Unanimous approval

Motion to elect David Suppes as a DSST Board Member, effective September 2024,
Zamora

Second: Allen

Vote: Unanimous approval

Motion to elect Mary Haynes as Co-Vice Chair for a two year term, effective
September 2024, Zamora

Second: Greenberg

Vote: Unanimous approval

Motion to extend Jean Kutner's term as Co-Vice Chair for a two year term, effective
September 2024, Greenberg

Second: Brown

Vote: Unanimous approval

Motion to renew the following current Board Members for an additional 3 year Term

- Alyssa Whitehead-Bust
- Billy Brown
- Andrew Sinclair

First: Allen

Second: Taylor

Vote: Unanimous approval

Motion to extend Patrick O'Rourke's term by the same amount of time he was on leave
from the DSST Board (18 months). This revises his term end from June 2026 to December
2028, Zamora

Second: Greenberg

Vote: Unanimous approval

Discussion: Ms. García Urban, Ms. Ramsey, and Ms. Fulbright provided the board with a
state of the schools update which included our 2023-24 performance, our approach for
2024-25, and our Big 5 improvement initiatives.

Committee Reports:

Advancement: Mr. Mendrop provided the board with an update on fundraising totals from FY22 through FY25

Audit: Mr. O'Rourke shared with the board that he is taking over as chair of the Audit Committee and that DSST is in good fiscal health with our audit firm not having concerns for our team.

Executive Session

Mr. Russo stated, "I would entertain a motion to go into Executive Session as permitted by the Colorado Open Meetings Act for the purpose of considering the following matters:

- (2) Pursuant to Colorado Revised Statute 24-6-402
 - (4) (f) personnel matters

Motion to go into Executive Session, Zamora

Second: Taylor

Vote: Unanimous approval

Motion to adjourn Executive Session, Brown

Second: Greenberg

Vote: Unanimous approval

Motion to adjourn board meeting, Greenberg

Second: Brown

Vote: Unanimous approval

Respectfully Submitted,

Katie Glenn (note-taker), Secretary