

**SOUTHERN CLEVELAND DROP BACK IN SCHOOL**  
(Trade Name: George V. Voinovich High School)  
**BOARD MEETING**

**MINUTES**

Southern Cleveland Drop Back In School, d.b.a. George V. Voinovich High School (the "School") held a Regular Board meeting on October 9, 2020 (the "meeting") via electronic communication.

**Board Members in Attendance:**

Aaron Berg, Vice Chairman  
Karen Lewis, Treasurer  
Mandisa Lewis, Secretary  
Rodney Lewis  
Sonya Boyd, Chairwoman

**Guests in Attendance:**

Sarah O'Bryan, Associate Director of School Accountability, ACCEL Schools  
Brian Hessey, School Leader, George V. Voinovich High School  
Jim Nichols, Financial Advisor, Massa Financial Solutions  
Daniel Calloway, Sponsor Representative, Educational Resource Consultants of Ohio  
Anne Trakas, Senior Board Services Manager, The Callender Law Group  
Michael Garcar, Board Liaison, The Callender Law Group

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Chairwoman Boyd.

**II. Roll Call of Members Present**

There was a roll call of members. A quorum was present for the meeting.

**III. The Pledge of Allegiance**

Board members and guests participated in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

**IV. Adoption and Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting**

The minutes from the September 11, 2020 Board meeting were brought forward for Board consideration. A discussion was had. Upon Motion duly made by Member Karen Lewis to adopt the minutes from the September 11, 2020 Board meeting without amendment, seconded by Member Rodney Lewis, the Motion passed by a unanimous affirmative vote.

<b>Roll Call: Board Member</b>	<b>AYE</b>	<b>NAY</b>	<b>Other</b> ( <i>Abstain, Not Present, etc.</i> )
Aaron Berg	X		
Karen Lewis	X		
Mandisa Lewis	X		
Rodney Lewis	X		
Sonya Boyd	X		

## **V. Reports and Updates**

### **A. Operator Report**

Ms. O'Bryan gave the Operator Report. School began on October 8<sup>th</sup>. All students went through an orientation to acquaint them with the School's remote learning technology. There were some transition hurdles, but all are in the process of being remedied. The School's Leader, Mr. Brian Hessey was introduced to the Board. Mr. Hessey gave biographical information about himself and discussed his vision for the School.

Enrollment was discussed. The School has 33 students enrolled currently. The School's goal is to have 100 students enrolled by the end of October. ACCEL's Marketing Team continues efforts to grow the School's enrollment. Mr. Hessey is working with other ACCEL principals to identify students who are credit deficient who may be a better fit in a drop out recovery curriculum.

### **B. Sponsor Report**

Mr. Calloway asked that all information be updated in OEDS by October 13<sup>th</sup>. Additionally, ERCO is scheduling a site visit for mid-October.

### **C. Treasurer Report**

Mr. Nichols gave the Treasurer Report. The September financial statement was presented to the Board for review. There was limited financial activity given that the School was not fully operational. Now that the School is operational there will be increased financial activity.

The Five-Year Financial Forecast and School Budget were discussed. Ms. O'Bryan stated that for the Five-Year Financial Forecast the School has an average enrollment goal of 85 students. During the first two (2) years, the School will share instructional staff with ACCEL's other schools. Beginning with the 2022/2023 academic year, the School plans to bring teachers in-house. Ms. O'Bryan stated that ACCEL is fully committed to financially supporting the School until it is fully sustainable.

Ms. Karen Lewis asked when the School will begin to receive reimbursement for the students currently enrolled in the School. Ms. O'Bryan stated that due to timing issues, the School did not meet the deadline for the October state payment. However, the School will begin to receive funding for students in November and will be reimbursed for students enrolled since the first day of school later in the academic year.

**D. Legal Update**

Mr. Garcar gave the Legal Update. The October Legal Update was presented to the Board for review. Mr. Garcar gave an overview of resolutions that the Board will be asked to vote on during “New Business.”

The public hearing for the Standardized Test Preparation Time Limit Waiver was conducted. There was no public comment.

**VI. Committee Reports**

- a. Audit & Finance Committee- no report at this time.
- b. Executive Committee- no report at this time.
- c. Student Appeals & Discipline Committee- no report at this time.
- d. Public Relations Committee- no report at this time.
- e. Board Liaison Committee- no report at this time.
- f. Extracurricular Activities Committee- no report at this time.
- g. Career Pathways Committee- no report at this time.
- h. Sponsorship & Community Involvement Committee- no report at this time.

**VII. Old Business**

There was no Old Business discussed.

**VIII. New Business**

*a. Resolution, Adoption/Approval School Budget 2020/2021 Academic Year*

The School Budget was brought forward for consideration by the Board. A discussion was had. Upon Motion duly made by Member Karen Lewis to adopt the School Budget for the 2020/2021 Academic Year without amendment, seconded by Member Mandisa Lewis, the Motion passed by unanimous affirmative vote.

<b>Roll Call: Board Member</b>	<b>AYE</b>	<b>NAY</b>	<b>Other (Abstain, Not Present, etc.)</b>
Aaron Berg	X		
Karen Lewis	X		
Mandisa Lewis	X		
Rodney Lewis	X		
Sonya Boyd	X		

*b. Resolution, Adoption/Approval Standardized Test Preparation Time Limit Waiver*

The Standardized Test Preparation Time Limit Waiver was brought forward for consideration by the Board. A discussion was had. Upon Motion duly made by Member Karen Lewis to adopt the Standardized Test Preparation Time Limit Waiver without amendment, seconded by Member Mandisa Lewis, the Motion passed by unanimous affirmative vote.

<b>Roll Call: Board Member</b>	<b>AYE</b>	<b>NAY</b>	<b>Other (Abstain, Not Present, etc.)</b>
Aaron Berg	X		
Karen Lewis	X		
Mandisa Lewis	X		
Rodney Lewis	X		
Sonya Boyd	X		

*c. Resolution, Adoption/Approval Graduation Requirements for the Classes of 2021 and 2022*

The Graduation Requirements for the Classes of 2021 and 2022 were brought forward for consideration by the Board. A discussion was had. Upon Motion duly made by Member Karen Lewis to adopt the Graduation Requirements for the Classes of 2021 and 2022 without amendment, seconded by Member Mandisa Lewis, the Motion passed by unanimous affirmative vote.

<b>Roll Call: Board Member</b>	<b>AYE</b>	<b>NAY</b>	<b>Other (Abstain, Not Present, etc.)</b>
Aaron Berg	X		
Karen Lewis	X		
Mandisa Lewis	X		
Rodney Lewis	X		
Sonya Boyd	X		

*d. Resolution, Adoption/Approval Fiscal Officer Agreement*

The Fiscal Officer Agreement was brought forward for consideration by the Board. Mr. Garcar stated the agreement runs until June 30, 2022 and reflects the same rate the School paid to Massa Financial Services prior to the School being placed on suspension. A discussion was had. Upon Motion duly made by Member Karen Lewis to adopt the Fiscal Officer Agreement without amendment, seconded by Member Mandisa Lewis, the Motion passed by unanimous affirmative vote.

<b>Roll Call: Board Member</b>	<b>AYE</b>	<b>NAY</b>	<b>Other (Abstain, Not Present, etc.)</b>
Aaron Berg	X		
Karen Lewis	X		
Mandisa Lewis	X		
Rodney Lewis	X		
Sonya Boyd	X		

*e. Resolution, Adoption/Approval Five-Year Financial Forecast*

The Five-Year Financial Forecast was brought forward for consideration by the Board. A discussion was had. Upon Motion duly made Member Karen Lewis to adopt the Five-Year Financial Forecast without amendment, seconded by Member Mandisa Lewis, the Motion passed by unanimous affirmative vote.

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Aaron Berg	X		
Karen Lewis	X		
Mandisa Lewis	X		
Rodney Lewis	X		
Sonya Boyd	X		

*f. Resolution, Acknowledgment of School Leader*

The Acknowledgment of School Leader was brought forward for consideration by the Board. A discussion was had. Upon Motion duly made Member Karen Lewis to Acknowledge Brian Hessey as the School's Leader without amendment, seconded by Member Mandisa Lewis, the Motion passed by unanimous affirmative vote.

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Aaron Berg	X		
Karen Lewis	X		
Mandisa Lewis	X		
Rodney Lewis	X		
Sonya Boyd	X		

**X. Open Discussion/Public Comment**

There was no Open Discussion or Public Comment.

**XI. Date/time for next meeting/location**

Currently scheduled for Friday, November 13, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. Eastern, via electronic communication.

**XI. Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Board, upon Motion duly made by Member Mandisa Lewis to adjourn the October 9, 2020 Regular Board meeting of George V. Voinovich High School, seconded by Member Karen Lewis, the Motion passed by unanimous affirmative vote. The meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

<b>Roll Call: Board Member</b>	<b>AYE</b>	<b>NAY</b>	<b>Other (Abstain, Not Present, etc.)</b>
Aaron Berg	X		
Karen Lewis	X		
Mandisa Lewis	X		
Rodney Lewis	X		
Sonya Boyd	X		

**APPROVAL AND ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

The Motion to approve and adopt the Minutes from the October 9, 2020 Regular Board meeting of George V. Voinovich High School with / without amendments

made by Member Rodney Lewis

seconded by Member Karen Lewis.

<b>Roll Call: Board Member</b>	<b>AYE</b>	<b>NAY</b>	<b>Other (Abstain, Not Present, etc.)</b>
Aaron Berg	X		
Karen Lewis	X		
Mandisa Lewis	X		
Rodney Lewis	X		
Sonya Boyd, Chairwoman	X		

Executed and adopted by a vote of the Board on this 13<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2020.

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*Sonya Boyd, Chairwoman  
George V. Voinovich High School*