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## Board of Governors Meeting Washington Latin Public Charter School 5200 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, NW Washington, DC Thursday, January 17th, 2019 6:15 p.m,

<u>Governors Present:</u> A.E. Lovett, C. Wilkinson, A. Graham, R. Dalal, B. Caldwell, L. Ballenger <u>On the Phone</u>: H. Rawlings, M. Demeke, C. Culver

Absent: R. Greiff, K. Cole, T. Morgan, P. Mara (leave of absence)

Head of School: Peter Anderson

## Guests:

Diana Smith, WLPCS Principal Kate Cromwell, WLPCS Director of Development and Communications Geovanna Izurieta, WLPCS Director of Finance Rebecca Goldberg, Bellwether Partners Lauren Miller, Bellwether Partners

1. <u>Call to Order:</u> Ms. Lovett called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

## 2. Growth Initiative:

<u>Work with Bellwether Partners:</u> Mr. Anderson introduced Ms. Goldberg and Ms. Miller of Bellwether Partners, who are guiding a cohort of two schools (WLPCS and DCI) through a five-month Strategic Growth and Tactical Institute (SGTI) supported financially by EdForward. They shared an overview of SGTI goals, timeline, and process and explained plans to share updates with the Board, and opportunities for Board member engagement. Ms. Goldberg answered questions and requested feedback from Board members

*Facilities Update:* Mr. Anderson reported that WLPCS has agreed in principle to work with EdOps and Building Hope as project partners during the growth process and is finalizing the terms of the agreement. He reported on recent work to develop greenlighting criteria.

**Governance Committee:** Mr. Wilkinson announced that a new parent Board candidate will attend the February meeting as an observer. He reported that the committee is considering ways to streamline its recruitment process, and revise board members' service terms to align with the school year. With the recent conclusion of Ms. Economou's second term, the board currently has two vacancies.

Ms. Demeke shared that the governance committee will start recruiting Junior Committee members shortly to support the work of the governance and development committees.

- 3. **Finance Committee:** Ms. Izurieta presented the FY19 financial reports through October 31, 2018, highlighting the main variances and changes to the forecast. The Finance Committee has evaluated different scenarios considering the impact on accumulated cash balances and debt service ratios, to identify a prudent range of cash reserves that could be allocated to support the growth initiative, considering our current campus needs and commitments, and loan covenants.
- 4. **Development Committee:** Ms. Cromwell reported that the Development Committee decided to postpone Convivium from February 28 to April 11 to provide leadership and the board extra time to develop the agenda and guest list .. Ms. Cromwell will be in contact with each board member to discuss their role in the event.
- 5. **<u>HOS Report:</u>** Mr. Anderson briefly talked about the main items in the HOS report, including an update on the pending lawsuit appeal.
- 6. **<u>Consent Agenda</u>**: Members considered a consent agenda consisting of December and January committee reports.

DECISION 19-01-01: The Board voted to accept the consent agenda.

7. **<u>Closing:</u>** Ms. Lovett adjourned the meeting at 8:02 p.m.