

Advocates for Academic Excellence in Education, Inc.
(Benjamin Franklin High School) Board of Directors Special Meeting
Friday, Jan. 12, 2024, 4:30 PM Cafeteria

1. Call to Order: 4:41 p.m.

2. Roll Call: Sean Blondell, Jill Condon, Alea Cot, Shaneika Dabney-Henderson '96 (4:49 p.m.), Charmaine Cooper Hussain, Jenny Kottler '79, Dolly Malik, Alexis Parent-Ferrouillet '96, Todd Ragusa, Mark Rubin, Jeffrey Seymour, Mitchell Turnbough, Anu Varadharajan (4:49 p.m.) Excused: Tim Duncan, Jon Levy '03

3. Approval of Agenda: Motion. Second. Approved unanimously with no comment.

4. Approval of Minutes of Jan. 10, 2024, Special Meeting: Motion. Second. Approved unanimously with no comment.

5. Information/Reports:

- a. Governance Committee (Ms. Cot). Ms. Cot sincerely thanked all stakeholders for their support during the search, for those who participated on Wednesday and gave feedback regarding the finalists, and for the support of those in attendance at today's meeting. In particular, she thanked Ms. Cooper Hussain for her hard work in chairing the search, for the commitment and work of the board members on the committee, Ms. Condon, Ms. Parent-Ferrouillet, Mr. Turnbough, Ms. Malik, Mr. Ragusa, and Mr. Duncan, as well as Ms. Youngblood, representing faculty, and Ms. Ryan, representing Franklin alumni and the larger community.
- b. CEO Search Subcommittee Report and Recommendation (Ms. Cooper Hussain) – The CEO Search Subcommittee recommends to the wider AAEE Board that we extend an offer to Mr. Alex Jarrell

6. Executive Session: To discuss character and competence of CEO recommendation – Motion. Second. Approved unanimously by roll call vote. Board went into executive session at 4:46 p.m. Board came out of executive session at 5:43 p.m.

7. Action Items:

- a. Vote on CEO recommendation: Motion to accept the recommendation of the CEO Search Subcommittee to extend an offer to Mr. Alex Jarrell to serve as Chief Executive Officer. Second. No board comment.

Public comment:

- b. Ms. Mehok supports Mr. Jarrell and wants the Board to support him as leader and let him lead while holding him accountable.
Ms. Read thanks the board and the subcommittee for doing this work.
Mr. Parauka asks the board to not micromanage.

Vote is unanimous to extend an offer to Mr. Alex Jarrell. Round of applause.

11. Adjourn. Motion. Second. Approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 5:51 p.m.