

## LSCAB Meeting Minutes

**Monday, May 15, 2023, 6:00pm – 8:00pm**

### **AGENDA**

- 1) Welcome: Call to Order
- 2) Attendance: Roll Call
- 3) Approval of the Agenda
- 4) Approval of Minutes (April 2023)
- 5) Presentation (s)
- 6) FOIA/OMA Officer Report
- 7) Chairperson's Report
- 8) Public Participation
- 9) Old Business:
  - A. Vote for New Secretary
- 10) New Business:
  - A. New Date for June 2023 Meeting - If Needed
  - B. Vote to Adopt Rule to Allow Member Participation by "Other Means" Pursuant to the Open Meetings Act (5 ILSC 120/7 Section 7 a-c)
- 11) Director's Report
- 12) Adjournment

**Meeting Called to Order: 6:03pm**

### **ROLL CALL**

Thomas E. Gray - present in person  
Vicente Sanchez - present in person  
Michael E. Brunson - present (virtually attended via Zoom)  
Theodria Constanopolis - present in person  
Ebonie Davis - ABSENT -  
Israel Flores - present in person  
Froylan Jimenez - present in person  
Keisha Kidan - ABSENT  
Sergio Ramirez - present in person

### **Approval Of Agenda**

**Motion:** Passed to approve the agenda. With the amendment to move Section 10 B- to vote to adopt the rule to allow members to participate in the meeting virtually after the approval of the minutes

## **Approval Of Minutes**

**Motion:** Motion Passed to approve the minutes from the April 17, 2023 Meeting.

## **Discussion on Adopting A Rule to Allow Member Participation by "Other Means" Pursuant to the Open Meetings Act (5 ILSC 120/7 Section 7 a-c)**

Director Ford explained that according to the Open Meeting Act, that under certain emergency circumstances, members of public bodies can be allowed to participate in meetings by other means (ie phone/virtual). There would need to be bylaws that allow that type of participation or the board can adopt a rule.

Board member Jimenez proposed that the LSCAB adopt a rule that allows participation by alternative. The proposed rule was read and shared in print with the LSCAB Members to read.

**Motion:** Motion Passed to Approve Adopting a Rule to Allow Member Participation by "Other Means" Pursuant to the Open Meetings Act (5 ILCS 120/7 Section 7 a-c) - See Full text below. It was read into the record.

**Motion:** Motion Passed to approve Board Member Brunson to participate in the meeting remotely via Zoom.

Member Jimenez requested that ALL members of LSC across the city get this same information so that they may have the opportunity to adopt a rule similar to allow members to participate, if not on sight in meetings in an emergency. Director Ford indicated that she would send this information to all LSCs to make them aware of the opportunity if the council does not have bylaws.

**FOIA/OMA Officer Report** - No Report

**Chairperson's Report** - Mr Gray shared that this would be his last LSCAB Meeting as chairperson. Chairperson Gray indicated he began service as chair on the LSCAB in 1996 at the inception of the LSCAB. Members of the Local School Council Relations staff, LSCAB members and meeting attendees were to share their thoughts about Mr Gray and his leadership. Mr Gray was given a plaque as a thank you for his service to the district. Finally a

proclamation was read for Chairperson Gray taht was would be presented to Mr. Gray by the Chiocaggo Board of Education Meeting on June 28, 2023.

## **Public Participation**

### **Old Business:**

Vote for New Secretary - No vote was taken

### **New Business:**

New Date for June 2023 Meeting - If Needed - The council discussed and decided that no June Meeting would be needed.

Board Member Jimenez recommended that CPS give councils more time to review and approve budgets. He indicated that the time given this year was not ideal.

Board Member Constanopolis echoed Member Jimenez sentiments and recommended that councils begin to have discussions about the budget around January/February prior to when the budget is released.

**Adjournment** - Meeting ended at 6:55pm

## **Proposed Rule for Adoption-**

**Effective Immediately and for New Term**

**As Adopted from the Open Meetings Act**

**(5 ILCS 120/7) Sec. 7. "Attendance by Means other than Physical Presence".**

(a) If a quorum of the members of the Local School Council Advisory Board (LSCAB) is physically present as required by Section 2.01, a majority of the LSCAB membership may allow a member of that body to attend the meeting by other means if the member is prevented from physically attending because of: (i) personal illness or disability; (ii) employment purposes or the business of the public body; or (iii) a family or other emergency. "Other means" is by video or audio conference.

(b) If a LSCAB member wishes to attend a meeting by other means, the member must notify the recording secretary or clerk of the public body before the meeting unless advance notice is impractical.

(c) A majority of the LSCAB may allow a member to attend a meeting by other means only in accordance with and to the extent allowed by rules adopted by the LSCAB. The rules must conform to the requirements and restrictions of this Section, may further limit the extent to which attendance by other means is allowed, and may provide for the giving of additional notice to the public or further facilitate public access to meetings.

(d) Video or audio conference must be clearly audible to LSCAB members and the public in attendance. The meeting minutes shall indicate whether the members of the LSCAB were physically present for the meeting or present by means of video or audio conference. Any LSCAB member who attends by audio or video means, as provided in this rule, may participate in all aspects of the meeting including voting.