

**Quality Education Academy (QEA)  
Board Meeting Minutes  
September 12, 2022  
Meeting took place via Zoom**

**Members Present:**

Chairman Dr. Jefferson Caruthers  
James Gadson  
James Covington  
Dr. Kendra March  
Adolphus Coplin  
John Foxworth  
Walter Weathers  
CEO Dr. Tamara Turner

**Absent Members:**

Ronald Jessup

**Staff (S) / Parents (P) / Visitors (V)**

D. Evans	D. Burnett	A. Booth – Horton	T. Bellanger
S. Robinson	M. Ross	B. Roberts	

**Welcome**

The QEA Board Meeting was called to order at **6:02 pm**. It was determined a quorum of Board Members was present, thus, the meeting continued.

The Chairman confirmed no changes were needed in the agenda. He also confirmed there were no conflicts of interest regarding any items on the agenda.

**Public Comment**

There was no public comment in tonight's meeting.

**Review and approval of August 8, 2022 Board Minutes**

The Chairman gave Board members an opportunity to review the Board Meeting Minutes from the previous August 22, 2022 QEA Board Meeting. The Chairman cited that it should be recorded in the August 22<sup>nd</sup> Board minutes that the Board actually made a motion to go into Closed Session prior to doing so. He also noted, there was a motion to return to the open session before reopening the meeting. Mr. Coplin made a motion to receive the revised August 22, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes into public record. Mr. Covington seconded the motion. The vote was put through using the roll call method. The motion carried unanimously.

**From the Chairman**

The Chairman reminded Board Members to sign and return the Conflict of Interest and Nepotism Policies. He then thanked CEO, Dr. Turner and staff for a smooth transition back into the beginning of another school year. He stated that he trusts the students and staff are adjusting well. The Chairman concluded by stating he is grateful for CEO, Dr. Turner sharing all that has transpired within the school thus far.

**CEO' Report**

The CEO addressed the Board in the following areas:

### Academics

Dr. Turner informed Board Members that we are currently awaiting the certified results of last years' EOG and EOC testing scores. However, preliminary data indicates we achieved a 95.6 growth score. Currently we have a C report card score and that, out of 2,717 schools we outperformed 1, 434. QEA was the only public school with a 69.9% EDS population (high poverty) to achieve the level of "C" we did. Presently we are collecting baseline data in all areas and will begin reviewing and comparing results during our data day later this month.

### Operations

Important events coming up:

- Staff and Coaches CPR Training 9/15/2022
- Title 1 Family Night (includes POP registration) 9/22/2022
- Data Day 9/23/2022
- POP starts 9/26/2022 (Partnering with Shekinah Glory Church to feed staff and families after school; host dance club in mirrored dance room)
- Culture Day 10/14/2022
- Legacy 11/12/2022
- There is still no mask mandate from the State / QEA remains mask optional
- QEA has launched Middle School football for the first year
- Volleyball and Soccer season have begun as well

### Enrollment

QEA currently has a total enrollment of 673.

### Staffing

QEA has a total staff count of 106. We currently have open positions for a 1<sup>st</sup> grade TA, A K-7 Guidance Counselor, an IT specialist, and an Athletic trainer through a 3<sup>rd</sup> party.

### Financial

Dr. Turner reviewed the Proposed Budget and the Financial Report for July 2022. Discussion was held around future expansion of our High School/ Middle School campus given the fact that we were unable to purchase the modular unit last year. The Chairman called for a motion to grant Dr. Turner permission to continue with the pursuit of gathering information for construction plans and specs for the future expansion project, in tandem with the bond process. Mr. Gadson made a motion to grant Dr. Turner permission to pursue gathering information for the future expansion projection. Mr. Foxworth seconded the motion. The vote was put through using the roll call method. The motion carried unanimously.

### Adjournment

The Chairman called for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Weathers made a motion to adjourn and Mr. Foxworth seconded. The vote was put through by a show of hands. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:14 pm.

### Announcement

The next Quality Education Academy Board Meeting is scheduled for Monday, at 6:00 **October 10, 2022** pm. A notification to all Board Members will be sent prior to the scheduled meeting. A copy of the previous month's minutes will be emailed to all Board Members in addition to the meeting notification.

Minutes recorded by S. Adams

**QEA Board Meeting Schedule:**

**November 14, 2022**

**January 9, 2023**

**February 13, 2023**

**March 13, 2022**

**May 15, 2023**