



AGENDA



Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, May 11, 2021 1:00 pm
Meeting Link sent upon registration approval

Overview: First 8 Memphis hosts quarterly Board of Directors meetings as a function of the governing body for the organization. The Board provides oversight and accountability for the organization. Board meeting dates and virtual access are open to the public.

Time	Agenda Item
1:00 pm	Board Chair Welcome
1:10 pm	2021-2022 Pre-K Classroom Recommendations
1:55 pm	Adjourn

FY21 Board of Directors Meeting Dates

Tuesday, October 20, 2020

Tuesday, December 8, 2020

Tuesday, March 9, 2021

Tuesday, June 8, 2021 (next meeting)



First 8 Memphis Board of Directors Meeting**Date:** May 11, 2021**Time:** 1:00pm - 2:00pm

Board Members Present:	Jim Boyd, Dr. Antonio Burt, Kathy Buckman Gibson, Tanya Hart, Dr. Carol Johnson Dean, Yvonne Madlock, Mary McDaniel, Keva Latham, Patrice Robinson
Board Members Absent:	Dr. Marion Hare, Alex Smith, and Michael Whaley
Staff Present:	Ginny Renfroe, LeAmber Hill, Dr. Kandace Thomas, and LaDora Watkins
Visitors Present:	Ronda Hughey (Hughey's Debits and Credits)

Welcome and Introduction

The virtual Special Call meeting to review the Pre-Kindergarten (Pre-K) recommendations submitted by independent reviewers began at 1:03 pm. A quorum was recognized.

Committee Business

Pre-K Expansion Recommendations

- School Year 2021-2022 (year 3) Pre-K Request For Recommendations
 - 17 Pre-K Operators applications received (All operators must be licensed by the Department of Education or the Department of Human Services to operate a Pre-K classroom)
 - 11 Current F8M Operators, 1 pending (Achievement School District)
 - 4 Potential New Operators (1 waiting approval from licensing body)
 - Circles of Success
 - Kiddle Learning
 - Red Robin
 - YMCA
- Pre-K Evaluation Committee

- Voting members from Seeding Success, City and County Government, LeBonheur, and the community. Alternate review members included individuals from the community and the First 8 Memphis staff. Reviewers received the applications independently then reviewed with a partner to norm scores. The highest possible score was 9.
- Applications were submitted by April 9th. The review timeline was from April 14-30 by a committee. Recommendations were made to the Board on May 11th and Operators are expected to receive a decision on May 14th.

**2021-2022 Pre-K Operating Partners
(80 Classrooms ~ \$14 million)**

2020-2021 Operators (74 Classrooms)	2021-2022 NEW Operators	(Existing) Operator Expansion
Shelby County Schools Bartlett City Schools Millington Municipal Schools Journey Community Schools Freedom Prep Academy Porter-Leath at KIPP Shannon* Promise Academy Hollywood & Spring Hill Libertas Montessori School Cornerstone Denver Achievement School District* Perea Preschool UofM Lipman ELRC Porter-Leath (wraparound services)	Southwest TN Community College (1 classroom) Circles of Success (2 classrooms) Red Robin (1 classroom)	Freedom Preparatory Academy (1 classroom) Porter-Leath Academy II at Frayser (1 classroom)
74 Returning Classrooms 6 New Classrooms as of July 1, 2021		

*ASD contract with F8M is pending for the 2020-2021 school year

Other discussion:

- Achievement School District
 - ASD contract with F8M is pending for the 2020-2021 school year.
 - The causes and length of contract negotiations causes some concern. Staff will propose a strategy about how to move forward this school year and next.
 - There are other demands for Pre-K seats in other neighborhoods/communities in Shelby County (i.e. Cordova and Hickory Hill).
- Circles of Success
 - F8M staff will work with Operator to verify licensing by July 15th

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- F8M staff to develop another plan of action if licensing is not met

VOTE: A motion was made by Tanya Hart with a second by Patrice Robinson to authorize the Executive Committee to determine next steps for the current ASD contract and beyond. There were no objections or other conversation. The Board approved unanimously and the motion carried.

VOTE: A motion to approve the 2021-2022 academic year Pre-K classrooms was made. Patrice Robinson moved to accept the proposed roster of 80 classrooms at 14 million dollars for the academic school year 2021-2022 with the caveat that ASD may have to be reconsidered. Carol Johnson Dean seconded. There was no further conversation or objections. The motion was carried.

- Change in location
 - Riverview K-8 has struggled with instruction and enrollment. SCS requested to move the classroom to White Station.
 - Porter-Leath decided to close the Pre-K program at Porter-Leath KIPP. The new location will be Porter-Leath Academy.

VOTE: A motion to accept the recommendations to move the current classroom locations, Riverview K-8 to White Station Elementary and Porter Leath KIPP to Porter Leath Academy in Frayser was made by Carol Johnson Dean with a second by Patrice Robinson. There were no objections. The Board voted unanimously in the affirmative. The motion carried.

Next Steps

- The Executive Committee will meet over the next week to discuss the current ASD contract and consideration for next year.

Adjournment

The next full Board meeting is June 8, 2021. The Special Call meeting adjourned at 2:02 pm.