

**MINUTES OF THE JOINT MEETING OF THE BOARDS OF DIRECTORS OF
E-STEM PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS, INC AND
E-STEM PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL**

July 17, 2020

The Boards of eStem Public Charter Schools, Inc and eStem Public Charter School conducted a meeting through email on July 17, 2020. All members were present and include Jess Askew, Melissa Walsh, Bill Dillard, Jill Floyd and Vernard Henley. John Bacon, Mark Milhollen and Cindy Barton were also included.

CEO Report

Dr. Bacon sent the following email to all members with attachments included:

eStem Board Members,

You may have heard that Governor Hutchinson moved the official 2020-2021 school year start date for all Arkansas public schools to Monday, August 24th. As you know, our board approved calendar included a student start date of August 3rd. We were informed by the Department of Education that this change in start date applies to all schools (including extended year charter schools like eStem); therefore, we need to adjust our calendar to account for the new start date and to identify eight additional instructional days to include in the calendar. I am attaching a draft modified calendar that includes the following changes:

Teacher start date will move from Monday, July 27th to Monday, August 4th

Student instruction start date will move from Monday, August 3rd to Monday, August 24th

Professional Development Days scheduled for **Friday, October 9th** and **Monday, January 4th** will transition to instructional days

Fall Break will be shortened by two days as **Monday, October 12th** and **Tuesday, October 13th** will transition to instructional days

President's Day observance on **Monday, February 15th** will transition to instructional day

Additional instructional days will be added to the end of the school year on **Tuesday, June 1st**, **Wednesday, June 2nd**, and **Thursday, June 3rd**

I request a motion, second, and board vote on the proposed adjusted 2020-2021 school calendar.

Jess Askew made the motion to approve the proposed adjusted calendar and Melissa Walsh seconded the motion. The votes were as follows:

Vernard Henley – In favor

Melissa Walsh – In favor

Jill Floyd – In favor

Bill Dillard – In favor

The motion passed unanimously.