

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

November 17, 2022

The Boards of eStem Public Charter Schools, Inc and eStem Public Charter School met on November 17, 2022 at 5:30pm in person at Kutak Rock and via Zoom. Present were directors Jess Askew, Vernard Henley and Bill Dillard Also present were John Bacon, Johnecia Howard and Angie Miller. The meeting was called to order at 5:31pm.

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

CEO Report

Dr. Bacon began the meeting with our enrollment count. At present, we have 2872 students. Our poverty rate is at 70.5%.

Upcoming Board training opportunities were presented. The APSRC will host a training on November 29th and the ASBA Annual Conference is scheduled for December 7-9.

The Charter Renewal Application timeline was discussed. The final application was due and turned in November 14th. The Charter Authorizing Panel hearings are December 13-14 with the State Board meeting on January 12th. We are asking to be renewed for 13 years. We have reviewed many of our waivers to see if they can be rescinded due to not needing them or not utilizing them or because they are duplicates.

Dr. Bacon reviewed the ESSA score reports. Our elementary schools are struggling and not raising their scores as we had hoped. The Value Added Growth scores are better and our East Village Junior High had the largest Value Added Growth in the state for all middle/junior high schools. Four of our five schools had a Value Added Growth score above 80%.

Several of our schools were rewarded for growth from the state and from OEP (Office for Education Policy). East Village Junior High received \$33,200 for top 5% growth and eStem High School received \$50,500 for top 5% growth/graduation rates.

The OEP announced that eStem Junior High received these awards:

High Overall Growth - Statewide
High ELA Growth – Statewide
High Overall Growth – Central Region
High Math Growth – Central Region
High ELA Growth – Central Region

East Village Junior High received these awards:

High Overall Growth – Statewide
High Math Growth - Statewide
High ELA Growth – Statewide
High Overall Growth – Central Region
High Math Growth – Central Region
High ELA Growth – Central Region

eStem High School received these awards:

High Overall Growth – Statewide
High Overall Growth – Central Region
High ELA Growth – Central Region

ACTION ITEMS

Old Business

New Business

A space in the bicycle shop in East Village is available for lease for our therapists that don't have classrooms or offices. It will be a 10-year lease with 2 optional 5-year renewals. There are about 12 staff members (speech therapists & dyslexia interventionist) that need space for therapy.

Bill Dillard made a motion that we authorize the CMO to be the lease signatory for the lease of the space in the Bicycle Shop for East Village staff. Jess Askew seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board entered into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter. At 7:37pm, the Executive Session was completed with no action taken.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:39pm.