

## BOARD MEETING AGENDA

May 7, 2021  
9-11:30 PM

Welcome & Introductions	Called the meeting to order at am.
Reading of the Mission Statement	To increase the quality of charter school authorizing in the state of Minnesota by developing and identifying practices and policies that ensure effective oversight and evaluation of Minnesota charter schools.
Establish Quorum	<p>Members Present:</p> <p>Bethel: Heather Johnson Ross FoE: Shannon Hinz NEO: Wendy Swanson Choi, Tu Nguyen, Adam Myhand IQS: Laurie Schroeder OW: James Ewer, Shannon Hinz Pillsbury: Larry McKenzie, Emily Edstrom Moore, Samantha Diaz SAM: Liz Wynne VOA: Rod Haenke (joined at 9:15) Guild: Glory Kibbel St. Thomas: Aaliyah Hodge Chisago Lakes: Darci Peckman-Krueger (left at 9:30) MOChA: David Peterson Northfield: Matt Hillmann (left at 9:45)</p> <p>Guests: Director Alul Yesak, MDE representatives Karen Calcaterra and Mike Schultz, GMS Representative Rosie Lais, Anti-racist trainer: Destiny Owens</p>
Agenda	Motioned made to accept the consent agenda by, Matt Hillman seconded Erin Anderson. Motion carries.
Meeting Norms	Chair McKenzie gave an overview of the MACSA Norms
Guests: MDE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The MDE received their final report from the MDE which was positive with a few indicators that needed to be addressed through corrective action. Some areas for corrective action are expenses that should not be claimed, which could impact recipients.</li> <li>• Three change in authorizer requests</li> <li>• 11 new school affidavits have been submitted</li> <li>• Updates to the expansion affidavit are being made and will be sent out and posted once approved.</li> </ul>
Guests: GMS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GMS is revising the school finder rating system to be more comprehensive in the data included. They expect to seek stakeholder engagement and then roll out the new system in fall 2022.</li> <li>• GMS is developing family guides for understanding the Minnesota Academic Standards. This is being done to provide parents with information of what 'grade level' means so that parents can understand if they are receiving grade-level instruction</li> </ul>



<p>Committee Updates Directors Report</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Introduction of Destiny Owens who will be working with MACSA on anti-racist work. Destiny is going to contract with MACSA to facilitate anti-racist work and help bring it to our authorizing lens. The goal is to meet once per month for a couple of hours through January.</li><li>• June meeting will be held at the Minnesota Humanities Center in St. Paul. The meeting will include breakfast and lunch with the meeting between. The meeting will also be available via zoom.</li><li>• A letter of invitation to join a MACSA meeting was sent to Commissioner Mueller.</li><li>• Alul has a meeting with GMS to discuss future grant opportunities for MACSA</li></ul>
<p>Executive Committee</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The committee met two days after Daunte Wright and discussed the importance of the anti-racist work.</li><li>• A guest speaker, Josh</li><li>• The committee discussed the Director evaluation and will be discussing the review in their May meeting.</li><li>• The draft budget was discussed</li><li>• The draft slate of officers was also discussed</li></ul>
<p>Legislative and Policy Committee</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The MDE requested some revisions to the legislation related to authorizer corrective action. However, it was not minor in nature and a meeting was conducted to discuss.</li><li>• If you are considering proposing any policy language, please consider bringing it to MACSA so all authorizers can give input</li></ul>
<p>Finance Committee</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The finance committee has been working with BerganKDV to develop financial practices and policies. Their recommendations include approving the treasurer's report at each meeting, linking the invoices and such to the spreadsheet of revenue and expenditures, and providing an overview of financial activity over the past month.</li><li>• An overview of what is provided to MACSA Board members regarding the finances of the organization</li><li>• The March financials were reviewed and the bank account has around \$95K</li><li>• The draft budget was presented to the board</li></ul> <p>Motion to accept the treasurer's report (which includes the FY20 990) made by Aaliyah and seconded by Liz Wynne. The motion passed unanimously.</p>
<p>Grants Committee</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• An update was presented in the directors report and there is no other new business.</li></ul>
<p>Effective Practices Committee</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The effective practices committee worked on the strategic planning work that is going to be done during the next two weeks (homework for all board members) and at the longer upcoming inperson/virtual zoom meeting. <b>All board members should use this <a href="#">'bitmoji classroom'</a> to go through four different activities in the next two weeks to provide the committee with data to plan for the June meeting.</b></li></ul>



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Best Practice Sharing: Contract Renewals: Wendy Swanson Choi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Wendy Swanson Choi presented an overview of the conversation and activity/scenario of a renewal.</li><li>• The Board used breakout rooms to discuss the scenario and determine the length of the renewal term.</li><li>• Full notes can be <a href="#">found here</a>.</li></ul>
Hot Topic	Keep tabs on the Cruz Guzman legislation.
Closing Items	Next meeting is Friday, June 4, 2021 from 8:30-12:30 at the Minnesota Humanities Center. A zoom option will be offered.
Adjourn	Motion to adjourn was made at 11:21 by Glory and seconded by Erin. Motion carries.