

SOAR ACADEMY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

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Wednesday, January 23, 2019

SPECIAL SESSION PHONE MEETING MINUTES

- I. Call to Order** **5:03 pm**
Bev, Thelma, Andy, Sam present. George joins at 5:06pm.
- II. Dismissal to Closed Executive Session to discuss contracting options for 2019-2020** **5:04pm;**
Executive session concluded at 6:31 pm. Bev left at 6:31 pm. Board breaks until 6:45pm return to public meeting.
- III. Return to Public Meeting** **6:45 pm**
Thelma calls the meeting to order.
- IV. Items for Board Review and Approval** **6:46pm**
a. Resolution for 19-20 next steps
The Board considered a resolution drafted during the executive session. Lihi read the resolution aloud. It is attached to these minutes. Andy makes the motion to pass the resolution. George seconded. Motion passes 4-0 at 6:49pm.
- V. Adjournment** **6:52pm**

Next Regular Board Meeting: February 20, 2019 from 5:00-7:00pm at SOAR Academy, 1301 E 34th Street, Tacoma, WA 98404; to join by phone, Dial-In: 1-888-204-5987; Passcode: 9220108

SOAR Academy Dissolution Resolution
January 23, 2019

WHEREAS SOAR Academy has strived for the past four years to provide high-quality free and public education and academic choice to K-5 students in the Tacoma area; and

WHEREAS SOAR Academy has been able to serve a diverse student body composed largely of systemically underserved populations, including 81% students of color, 71% low-income students, 19% students with disabilities, 16% homeless students and 9% English Language Learners; and

WHEREAS financial obligations that exceed public funding levels have been an ongoing challenge for SOAR Academy, met through assistance from various philanthropic partners and grants; and

WHEREAS Washington State charter schools are funded at a rate lower than traditional public schools and current funding levels do not adequately support the educational services required for the high-needs student populations that our school has attracted; and

WHEREAS the SOAR Academy Board of Directors and administrative leadership have conducted an exhaustive consideration of options that would ensure ongoing financial viability for our program model, including a city-wide facility search and thoughtful discussions with SOAR families and faculty, the Washington State Charter School Commission, its close partner, Seneca Family of Agencies, and its neighbor school, Green Dot Destiny Middle School; and

WHEREAS the SOAR Academy Board of Directors has exercised due diligence and acted in good faith in carrying out its fiduciary responsibilities and has identified no viable options for SOAR's continued independent operation at the quality level demanded for our students;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED at the end of the current academic year, SOAR Academy will cease operations, begin closure procedures, and will seek to aid each and every SOAR family in identifying their options and facilitating a smooth transition to their next school, and support our excellent staff in securing continued employment.