



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
for
**Community & Economic Development
Organization (CEDO) of Gadsden County, Inc.**

October 11, 2021

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION (CEDO)

----- AGENDA -----

October 11, 2021 - 6:00 P.M.

Presiding: Rev. Tony Hannah, Board Chairperson

CALL TO ORDER	Chairperson
PRAYER	Board Member
ROLL CALL.....	Chairperson
ADOPTION OF BOARD MINUTES	Chairperson
September 13, 2021 – Board Meeting	
CITIZENS REQUESTING TO BE HEARD ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS	Guests
COMMITTEE REPORTS	
Crossroad Advisory Committee	
Executive Finance Committee	
OLD/NEW BUSINESS.....	Chairperson
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT	Mr. Al M. Gunn
ADJOURNMENT.....	Chairperson

Mission Statement

“CEDO is committed economically, socially, educationally and politically to improving the lives of the disadvantaged citizens of the Gadsden County community. This commitment starts with every man, woman and child with identified needs, and extends throughout the community.”

CEDO BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MINUTES
September 13, 2021

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm by Rev. Tony Hannah. Rev Wells led the group in prayer.

Roll Call

Board members present were: Ms. Audria Flowers, Rev. Tony Hannah, Ms. Beatrice Hopkins, Dr. Alicia Jackson, Mr. Cleveland Kelly, Jr., Ms. Monica Proctor, Ms. Geraldine Smith, Ms. Ida Thompson, Rev. Daniel Wells, and Mrs. Kerwyn Wilson.

Board Member Mrs. Brenda Banks was absent.

Also present were: Mr. Al Gunn (Executive Director), Dr. Kevin Forehand (CACs Principal), and Ms. Roxanne Johnson (Administrative Assistant). Mr. Chris Cayer, Accountant was also in attendance.

Meeting Minutes

Mr. Cleveland Kelly, Jr. offered a motion, seconded by Ms. Bea Hopkins, to approve the minutes of the August 2, 2021 with necessary corrections. The motion carried.

Citizens Requesting to be Heard on Non-Agenda Items

Ms. Millie Forehand was in attendance to participate in the discussion of implementing a mask mandate at the school.

Auditor's Reports

Crossroad Academy Charter School Audit's Report

Mr. Chris Cayer presented a side-by-side comparison of 2019-20 and 2020-21. He stated that overall, the years were very similar with some slight fluctuations. Mr. Cayer stated the amount showing in Due from Gadsden County School Board had been received, and most of the increase from 2020 to 2021 was due to the \$554,000 in PPP funds that were received.

Ms. Geraldine Smith offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Cleveland Kelly, Jr., to approve the audited financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2021 for Crossroad Academy as presented. The motion carried.

Mr. Gunn stated that the Board would have to decide where to put the \$554,000, whether to leave it in Crossroad or move it over to CEDO.

CEDO Auditor's Report

Mr. Chris Cayer presented a side-by-side comparison of 2019-20 and 2020-21. He stated that again that the year-to-year comparison was nearly identical – not much had changed and we were in good shape.

Mr. Cleveland Kelly, Jr. offered a motion, seconded by Ms. Geraldine Smith, to approve the audited financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2021 for CEDO as presented. The motion carried.

CEDO Committee Reports

Crossroad Academy Charter School/Education Committee

The Committee did not meet

Executive Finance Committee

Mr. Gunn stated that the Finance Committee did not meet.

Principal's Report

Dr. Forehand stated that he would send a snapshot of what's going on at Crossroad Academy. He added that they were back in the saddle, new teachers, students returning. He reported that diagnostic testing was completed, and they are assessing where the students are to identify who needs to attend the new version of afterschool.

Dr. Forehand reported that about 40 students have had to quarantine and the coordination between state and local health departments was scattered.

A Board Member asked if Crossroad was fully staffed with teachers.

Dr. Forehand stated that one resigned on Friday, so we're about 95% staffed. He added that the landscape of education had changed – FAMU only had 4 graduates from the College of Education this spring, and USF closed their School of Education.

Rev. Wells asked about the staff complying with the Covid vaccine.

Dr. Forehand responded that most were fully vaccinated, or were on their way, there was one medical exemption and he was unsure about the how many were not fully vaccinated.

Rev. Wells asked whether we can ask about the student's vaccination status.

Dr. Forehand stated that we can ask, but not require.

Ms. Thompson asked when Crossroad has positive students, do we send out the notifications?

Dr. Forehand replied that the Department of Health must make the determination and will notify the close contacts.

Ms. Geraldine Smith asked when the Crossroad Advisory Committee would meet.

Dr. Forehand said that he's available any Monday they choose.

Old/New Business

None.

Executive Director's Report

Mr. Gunn stated that he would follow-up on Wednesday with staff regarding the COVID protocol outlined by the Board. He added that he had been dealing with those on a case-by-case basis – there were only 2 and they came to work that day or the next day.

Mr. Gunn reported that there was some reluctance from Board Members to attend the Board Retreat, and having to be so close on the bus and in the hotel. He asked for some discussion.

The responses varied

Kelly – Stay close to home; we don't know when the dust will settle.

Wells – We can retreat right here; don't travel.

Hopkins – Don't travel because there is no mask mandate in Florida.

Wilson – Okay with going; has been to several large meetings/conventions and the hotels have great cleaning/sanitizing protocols.

Thompson – It's a "no" for her.

Hannah – We find a way to go all the other places we want to go, why not go to Tampa.

Smith – Doesn't think we should go if we're not going to have 100% participation.

Proctor – Doesn't have a problem with going.

A poll of the 10 members present was taken; 6 against going on the retreat and 4 for going. Mr. Gunn stated that we can do the state required Board Training here on a Friday or Saturday.

Board Member / Miscellaneous

None.

Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

I, _____, do hereby certify these minutes to be the original minutes of Board of Directors meeting of CEDO dated this ____ day of _____ 2021.

Board Secretary

Meeting Notes

COMMITTEE REPORT NOTES:

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT NOTES:

GENERAL NOTES:

MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS/CONCERNS
