

ERIE RISE LEADERSHIP ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD  
SPECIAL CALL MEETING MINUTES (Revised)  
THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 2020  
Conference Call Number (978)990-5164  
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**Section I: Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:13 p.m. by the Board Chairperson Mrs. Constance M. Ratcliff. The body was led in the pledge of allegiance to the flag by Wayne Patterson followed by a prayer from Dr. Margaret Smith.

**A. Roll Call:**

Constance M. Ratcliff (Present)  
Ed Williams (Present)  
Wayne Patterson (Present)  
Sonya Adams (Present)  
Dr. Margaret Smith (Present)  
Shantel Hilliard (Present)  
Michael Hooks (Present)  
Tim Kuzma (Late/Present))  
Brenda Abreu-Baker (Present)

**Non Board Members:**

Attorney Thomas Fitzpatrick (Present)

**Rise Staff:**

Aubrey Favors (Present)	Michelle Shanti
Veronica Will (Present)	Diantha McCaughtry
Homer Smith (Present)	Janessa Buschman
Pearl Jeffries-Steele (Present)	

**Community Members Present:**

Neal Brockman  
Gary Nietupski  
Daryl Craig (Rise Parent)  
Barbara Martin (Former Teacher)  
Ruth Lonzo (Rise Parent)  
James Black (Rise Parent)  
Rev. Anthony G. Harris  
Debra Cole (Rise Parent)

James Sherrod  
Gary Horton  
Gregory Myers  
Mabel Howard

**B. Approval of Agenda**

Resolved, that the Board of Trustees of Erie Rise Leadership Academy Charter School on a motion by Mr. Wayne Patterson seconded by Dr. Margaret Smith hereby approves the agenda for the April 23, 2020 Special Call Meeting. All members in favor, the motion carried unanimously. 7 yes, 0 no

**C. Minutes**

Resolved, that the Board of Trustees of Erie Rise Leadership Academy Charter School on a motion by Mr. Wayne Patterson seconded by Dr. Margaret Smith hereby approves the minutes of the April 16, 2020. All members in favor, the motion carried unanimously. 7 yes, 0 no

**Section II: Reports**

**A. Hearing of Citizens**

**Residents Daryl Craig, Ruth Lanzo, James Black, Debra Cole and Rev. Anthony G. Harris gave public comments. Non Resident Barbara Martin gave public comments. Mrs. Ratcliff, Board Chairwoman and Mr. Patterson, Board Secretary offered brief comments during the Hearing of Citizens.**

**Section III: New Business**

**A. 3i Network Proposal**

Resolved, that the Board of Trustees of Erie Rise Leadership Academy Charter School on a motion by Ms. Sonya Adams seconded by Ms. Wayne Patterson approves the contract proposal of 3i Network in the amount of \$ 3,500.00. Motion approved by a vote of (7) yes; (1) No.

Mrs. Ratcliff - Yes  
Mr. Williams – Yes  
Mr. Patterson – Yes  
Ms. Adams – Yes  
Dr. Smith – No  
Mr. Hilliard – Yes  
Mr. Hooks – Yes  
Mr. Kuzma - Yes

**B. Dr. Lee Nunnery Proposal (Part 1)**

Resolved, that the Board of Trustees of Erie Rise Leadership Academy Charter School on a motion by Mr. Wayne Patterson seconded by Ms. Sonya Adams hereby approves the Dr. Lee Nunnery Proposal. All members in favor, the motion carried unanimously with of vote of (8 – 0)

Mrs. Ratcliff - Yes  
Mr. Williams – Yes  
Mr. Patterson – Yes  
Ms. Adams – Yes  
Dr. Smith – Yes  
Mr. Hilliard – Yes  
Mr. Hooks – Yes  
Mr. Kuzma - Yes

**C. Charter Choice (Business Consultant Contract)**

Resolved, that the Board of Trustees of Erie Rise Leadership Academy Charter School on a motion by Mr. Wayne Patterson seconded by Ms. Sonya Adams hereby approves the Charter Choice Business Consultant Proposal. All members in favor, the motion carried unanimously with of vote of (8 – 0)

Mrs. Ratcliff - Yes  
Mr. Williams – Yes  
Mr. Patterson – Yes  
Ms. Adams – Yes  
Dr. Smith – Yes  
Mr. Hilliard – Yes  
Mr. Hooks – Yes  
Mr. Kuzma – Yes

Section IV: Reports

A. Finance and Audit Committee (Due To Transition Costs)

3i Network	\$ 3,500.00
Mr. Favors	\$ 10,000.00
Dr. Lee Nunnery	\$ 20,000.00

Motion by Mr. Wayne Patterson seconded by Mr. Tim Kuzma to approve the transition costs totaling \$33,500.00. All members in favor, the motion carried unanimously (9-0).

Mrs. Ratcliff - Yes  
Mr. Williams – Yes  
Mr. Patterson – Yes  
Ms. Adams – Yes  
Dr. Smith – Yes  
Mr. Hilliard – Yes  
Mr. Hooks – Yes  
Mr. Kuzma – Yes.  
Mrs. Abreu-Baker – Yes

On a motion Dr. Smith seconded Mr. Hooks the meeting was adjourned at 7:13 p.m. and went immediately into Executive Session. All in favor, the motion carried unanimously.

The General Session reconvened at 7:33 p.m., the following actions and voting took place:

Mr. Wayne Patterson made a motion seconded by Mr. Tim Kuzma to increase Mr. Favor's base salary to \$ 80,000.00 for assuming the duties of Interim CEO. The motion carried unanimously (9 yes, 0 No)

Ms. Adams made a motion seconded by Mr. Wayne Patterson to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m.



