



## **BOARD MEETING NOTES:**

Wednesday, August 23, 2023 (In-Person)

**Present Attendees:** Dr. Ed Stephens III, David Middleton, Dr. Ramone Smith-Johnson, Gerald Fanaion III, Danielle Barlow, Donette Byrd, Brack Henderson, Paul Stephens, Mark Yates, Jessica Golden

### **1. Welcome** (Dr. Ed Stephens, III)

Dr. Ed Stephens III, welcomed everyone and thanked everyone for being present for this in-person meeting.

### **2. Operations Report** (Dr. Ed Stephens III)

Dr. Stephens expressed much appreciation for everyone for giving up precious time in their already-busy schedules.

#### **2.1 Board Introductions**

##### **2023-2024 Board Members**

- Gerald Fanion III (Chairman)
- Brandon Arrindell (absent)
- Danielle Barlow
- Donette Byrd
- Shakia Clark (absent)
- Brack Henderson, Esq.
- Paul Stephens
- Dr. Linda Tharpe (absent)
- Mark Yates (absent)



## 2.2 Star Academy New Hires

- Dr. Ramone Smith-Johnson- Principle

Update: Dr Stephens is handling Pre-K and Middle School applications. Waiting to hear back about Pre-K approval, and Middle School application is due Oct 1, 2023.

## 3. Financial Report (David Middleton, CFO)

3.1 2023-2024 proposed budget is presented for approval. Chairman Gerald Fanion III asked for a motion to approve, Dani Barlow raised motion and Paul Stephens seconded the motion.

## 4. Closing Remarks (Dr. Ed Stephens III)

Dr. Ed Stephens expressed appreciation for all that the Board does. He recognizes that everyone's time is important and he's grateful for the Board's commitment and engagement.

Motion to adjourn by Paul Stephens.  
Seconded by Danielle Barlow.

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, Sep 28, 2023