

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE SOUTH BEND EMPOWERMENT ZONE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Virtual Zoom Meeting
April 14, 2020**

MINUTES

The South Bend Empowerment Zone met on Tuesday April 14th, 2020 at 6:15 PM. The meeting was held virtually utilizing Zoom. Board Chair Sam Centellas called the meeting to order at 6:22 PM.

23 public members joined the virtual zoom meeting

ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Present were board members Sam Centellas, Executive Director La Casa de Amistad (SBEZ Board Chair), Milton Lee, Executive Director, Downtown South Bend, Jasmine Bradley, Transformation Ministries, Jeff Rea President/CEO, South Bend Chamber of Commerce, Ryan Matthys, RSM US, LLP, Partner and Managing Partner for South Bend and Elkhart offices, Ashley Northern, South Bend Heritage Found., Accounting & Program Specialist, John Anella, Leslie Wesley, Todd Cummings, South Bend Community Schools Corporation and Dr. Cheryl Camacho, Chief, South Bend Empowerment Zone.

Quorum was established.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Board Chair Sam Centellas moved to approve by consent the agenda. Board Member John Anella moved to approve the consent agenda items, Board Member Leslie Wesley seconded. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

ZONE UPDATES

Staffing Updates: SBEZ has a school and support team lead by Isa Solis with two new team members. SBEZ will be hiring a Director of Academics and Accountability in the coming weeks. On the academics team, there will be a Curriculum Coordinator/ Lead Instructional Coach and eLearning Coordinator/ Technology Coach. SBEZ has welcomed Rachel Santos, Director of Operations and Special Projects, Dezha Moore, School Culture and Community Engagement Coordinator and Savino Rivera, School Culture and Community Engagement, Coordinator.

FY 19-20 Budget Update: COVID-19/CARES Act: \$276M in funding allocated to Indiana through the Education Stabilization Fund of the Cares Act. This Translates to \$7.36M in additional funding for South Bend Community Schools. The Zone is working with SBCSC to determine equitable share.

Approval of Zone Chief Contract: Discussion has happened in an executive session regarding the Zone Chief's contract. Board Member Milt Lee led a comprehensive evaluation process of the current Zone Chief, Dr. Cheryl Camacho. The Zone Chief received an exceptional evaluation from the committee which included Board Chair Sam Centellas, Board Members, Jeff Rea, Milt Lee, and John Anella. Board Member Jeff Rea moved to approve the contract of Dr. Cheryl Camacho as Zone Chief, seconded by Board Member Milt Lee. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Jeff Rea and duly seconded by Leslie Wesley to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:49 PM.