

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE SOUTH BEND EMPOWERMENT ZONE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Virtual Zoom Meeting
March 31st, 2020**

MINUTES

The South Bend Empowerment Zone met on Tuesday March 31st, 2020 at 5:30PM. The meeting was held virtually utilizing Zoom.us. Board Chair Sam Centellas called the meeting to order at 5:36 PM.

30 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 Leslie Wesley moved to approve the consent agenda items, Board Member Jeff Rea seconded. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

ZONE UPDATES

COVID-19: Indiana Schools are closed until May 1st. Spring 2020 assessments have been Canceled. The Corporation took the lead on strategizing, providing Wi-Fi and food services. Teachers and staff have done very well navigating this ambiguous situation. \$13.5 billion federal k-12package could help provide more resources to schools. The Empowerment Zone is working to dig deeper and create an Empowerment Zone strategy and adjustments such as device distribution, Wi-Fi access, streamlining expectations and providing different options The Empowerment Zone is working to develop a plan for graduation and grade level advancement. Planning different “recapture” options/ pathways as we work to support students.

Performance Management Framework: The Zone received feedback from over 800 students, staff, parents and community members. The framework was drafted using feedback from the South Bend Community. The current draft performance framework has the following categories: academics, school culture and family engagement. Next

steps include developing and determining survey tools and a system to input data and metrics.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Name: Brenda Rodriguez

Dated Submitted: 3/31/2020

Public Comment: I am looking forward to the next school year with The Empowerment Zone. The vision that has been put in place seems strong. Dr. Camacho Is a Strong leader. A person who Pushes forward no matter the circumstances. When a person is so passionate about moving forward in life and rises above all, that person is capable of doing anything. I strongly believe This is what she will do for our schools. I believe in her leadership.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Jeff Rea and duly seconded by Ryan Matthys to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:10 PM.