

Centers for Applied Science & Technology Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes June 22, 2023 | 4 PM | CAST Offices

**Board Meeting Attendance** 

Board Members Present: Lisa Lewis, Katie Chain, Erik Nieves, and Dr. Shari

Albright, Jeanne Russell

Board Members Absent: Rene Dominguez and Dr. Lyssa Ochoa

Staff Present: Jeanne Russell, Heriberto "Eddie" Rodriguez, Nayeli

Gomez, and Amanda Sierra

## **Outcomes of Graduation 2022-2023 Graduating Class**

Nayeli Gomez, CAST Schools Data Coordinator, shared current enrollment, preliminary college and career data plus an update on Alumni.

- During the 2022-2023 school year, CAST Schools served over 2,000 alumni
- Among high school students, 61% are economically disadvantaged and 81% are Hispanic
- 77% of seniors graduated with a work-based learning experience
- 80% of seniors graduated with college credit
- 92% plan on enrolling into a college or university
- CAST Schools has approximately 690 alumni, 75% are members of the alumni network
- Based on data from the National Student Clearinghouse and U.S. Bureau of Labor and Statistics, 70% of Advanced Learning Academy and CAST Tech alumni enrolled into a college/university in the fall immediately after graduating high school. The national average is 62%

### Additional discussion items:

- 9 graduates from CAST STEM High School received an apprenticeship opportunity from TXFAME, more than any other school
- For those students opting to work, can we negotiate with their manager to provide a differentiated leadership experience for the student
- The goal of CAST is to ensure every student receives at least 12 credit hours
- CAST Network is building a deeper relationship with Reay For Work (City of San Antonio/Bexar County program)
- Within the network, Advanced Learning Academy is sending the most graduates to 4year private universities
- Working to enhance our data to understand how many students are pursuing STEM fields after high school and if our schools are getting more students into STEM programs
- CAST will continue to connect with alumni through various channels, including in person opportunities

## San Antonio ISD and East Central ISD 1882 Budget

Lisa Lewis moved to approve the 1882 2023-2024 Budgets

- Katie Chain seconded the motion.
- The motion passed unanimously.

# Items Related to CAST Network (4:30 - 5 PM) - Executive Session

# **Consent Agenda**

- Minutes from May 25 meeting
  - Erik Nieves moved to approve the minutes
  - Lisa Lewis seconded the motion.
  - The motion passed unanimously.
- Election of corporate officers for the FY24 year (7/1/23 thru 6/30/24)
  - Jeanne Russell Executive Director
  - Eddie Rodriguez Secretary
  - Amanda Sierra Treasurer (replacing Charlie Clines)

Shari Albright moved to approval the renewal of board member terms.

- Class I expiration 6/30/24: Chain, Ochoa, and Russell
- Class II expiration 6/30/25: Albright, Dominguez, Lewis, and Nieves
- Erik Nieves seconded the motion.
- The motion passed unanimously.

## Adding Board Members:

- The board discussed possible strategies and candidates to add members to the board of trustees
- The Executive Board will send an invitation to potential candidates
- CAST Schools will create a separate Alumni Advisory Committee and create opportunities for the Board of Trustees to meet with the Alumni Committee once or twice a year

### Proposed Meeting Schedule for 2023-2024 School Year

The board supports meeting on the following dates:

- 8/24, 3-5 p.m.
- 10/26, 3-5 p.m.
- 2/22, 3-5 p.m.
- 4/25, 3-5 p.m.
- 6/20, 3-5 p.m. (budget)

In addition to these dates, the board would like to:

- Continue meeting at different schools
- Including school board members from the partner district