



Minutes

Centers for Applied Science and Technology
Board of Trustees Meeting | October 17, 2024
Brooks Boardroom | 4 PM - 6 PM
WatersEdge I 7515 Inner Circle Rd., Suite 101,
San Antonio, Texas 78235

Board Members Present: Katie Chain, Rene Dominguez, Dr. Lyssa Ochoa and Jeanne Russell

Board Members Present Virtually: Shari Albright, Erik Ford, Lisa Lewis, and Erik Nieves

Staff Members Present: Nicole Amri, Amanda Sierra, Al Perez, Jen Maestas, and Heriberto "Eddie" Rodriguez

Guest Present: Dalia Contreras, City Education Partners

1. **Welcome:** Jeanne Russell welcomed board members
2. **Executive session** - The board convened in Closed Session to review Financials, discuss strategic plan, and to receive updates on East Side Campus Expansion and CAST STEM.
3. **Items for board feedback and input/partnership work**
 - a. Jeanne Russell provided an update on where the non-profit is on 2024 - 2025 Big Rocks to include Youth Voice, Nonprofit Sustainability (vs startup), and Career Connected Work.
 - b. Heriberto "Eddie" Rodriguez provided an update on Campus Advisory Boards and led a discussion on how to increase participation
 - c. Nicole Amri shared an update on Youth Leadership Sponsorships and Fundraising
4. **Consent agenda:** Dr. Lyssa Ochoa moved to approve items in the consent agenda, Katie Chain seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously. Consent Agenda included:
 - a. Financials approved
 - b. Recommendation not to move forward with East Side Campus, due to a lack of availability of an appropriate site, approved
 - c. August 22 meeting minutes approved
 - d. August 1 Optional Board Meeting Minutes approved
 - e. October 10 Special Board Meeting Minutes approved
 - f. June 2024 Meeting - Corrected Minutes approved
5. **Celebrations**
 - a. Heriberto "Eddie" Rodriguez shared an update on the KSAT Town Hall opportunity and USAA grant support for mentoring
 - b. Nicole Amri shared an update on the 3-year Moody operations grant
 - c. Heriberto "Eddie" Rodriguez shared results from the annual Three Years of Fear production at East Central ISD Patterson Performing Arts Center
6. **Upcoming events:** Heriberto "Eddie" Rodriguez invited board members to participate in the following CAST Events
 - a. Speed mentoring events - please share

- b. Employer breakfast
- c. Trip to Monterrey (Jan)

7. Next Meeting: February 20, 2025, 4 PM - 5:30 PM

- a. Board members were invited to the next meeting
- b. Remaining Meetings
 - i. April 17, 2025
 - ii. June 19, 2025

8. Adjourn - Reception with CAST Schools Team