



Textron Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting January 11, 2010

Meeting Location: Textron Chamber of Commerce Academy, 130 Broadway, Providence, RI 02903

Date and Time of Meeting: January 11, 2011 4:30 PM

Directors Present: Peter Phillips, Jack Curran, Paul Racicot, Kristin Smilevski, Mark Andrade, Mike Jarrett, Nicolette Ciano, Chelle Butler,

Others Present: Jane Arsenault, Lawrence DeSalvatore, Cheryl Howard

Directors Absent: Spencer Foote, Osiris Harrell, Lisa Ranglin, Kathleen Taddei, Renee Baskerville, Dinka Carreras

Presiding Officer: Peter Phillips

I. Call to Order & Opening Remarks

Board Chair Peter Phillips called the meeting to order at 4:37 PM and immediately turned the floor over to Jane Arsenault, principal of FIO Partners.

II. Strategic Planning Report

Jane Arsenault began her overview of the strategic plan by reviewing the mission, vision, and values statements for TCCA that were crafted as a result of surveys, interviews, and focus groups with key stakeholders. Directors suggested a minor change to the vision statement, in the values section changing family engagement to include alumni involvement. Jane and Board members discuss the target population of the school and were in agreement that our charge is to educate those who come through our door, not the ideal student we wish to have.

In presenting the governance model, Jane reported that there appeared to be consensus that the current Board model is not working well and that the Board should consider changing its structure. Jane outlined a model structure where the Board is comprised of 12-15 members and that the Board is comprised entirely or primarily of community members. The Board serves as the steward for the organization, reviews policies, oversees the CEO/Head of School, and raises money.

Jane suggested that the School Improvement Team can take responsibility for operational issues and make recommendations to the Board and that the Parent Board can also take responsibility for making recommendations to the Board. Directors discussed the merits of the proposal. Directors committed to changing the structure of the Board within six months and agreed to work toward finding a workable structure.

III. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 PM.