

7Cs Academy PreK-8 Public Charter School

Vision: To develop socially responsible citizens

Mission: To inspire every child to think critically, to solve problems, and to make a positive contribution to their communities as they thrive in life

Core Values: Graciousness Resilience Accountability Curiosity Excellence

Website: <https://7CsAcademy.org>

Agenda for Board of Directors Meeting 7CsThrive, Inc.

Meeting Date: Thursday, December 3, 2020

Meeting Time: 6:30 – 8:00 PM

Meeting Location: <https://zoom.us/>

Meeting Type: Regular

Disclaimer

If necessary, the Board of Directors may enter closed session under the authority of Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code. All voting will be done in open session. The subjects to be discussed, considered, or upon which any formal action may be taken are listed below. The order of these subjects may be changed.

1. Call to Order

Board President will establish a quorum and call the meeting to order.

2. Pledges of Allegiance

United States

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

State Flag

Honor the Texas flag; I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one state under God, one and indivisible

7Cs Academy School Pledge

At 7Cs Academy, we believe in whole child education. We are on a mission to inspire every student to think critically, to solve problems, and to make a positive contribution to their communities as they thrive in life. We listen and lead for student success. We prepare students with the right attitudes, knowledge, and skills to help them flourish in their tests of life.

3. Approval of Meeting Agenda

4. Approval of Minutes from Prior Board Meeting

- November 4, 2020

5. Public Forum

Opportunity for public comment.

6. Committee Reports

Advisory Committee

Safety and Security Committee

Founding Parents Committee



7. Guest Speaker

8. Information Items

A. Student Outcome Goals & Check-in

- *Mood Meter* to model importance of **Social Emotional Character Development (SECD)** at 7Cs Academy.
- Progress and updates from “Team of Six” on securing “**Letters of Support**” from Community.
- *People Styles at Work* to continue modeling the importance of **Results-Based Listening** by each of us “reflecting to the speaker the gist of what you hear” (p. 195) to continue to grow relationships.
Presenter: Ms. Angelina Osteguín

B. Superintendent/CEO Monthly Report

- Charter and Traditional ISDs
 - Debrief *Generation 26 Application Information Session* on November 6, 2020. Invitation to review the Recordings and see the Required Presentations.
(<https://tea.texas.gov/texas-schools/texas-schools-charter-schools/mandatory-applicant-information-sessions>).
- Deliberate, Now, Important & Urgent Issues (*Recall definitions from April 1, 2020 Regular Meeting*)
 - *Deliberate* – 2-page **Executive Summary** and 4-page **School Design Summary**.
 - *Now* – Continue discussions on Family and Community Engagement from h. – k., carried forward from Board Workshop on November 18, 2020
 - h. Safety and Security Committee
 - i. Parent Forum (following feedback from Counselors, Social Workers, Communities In Schools®, etc.)
 - j. Founding Parent Committee
 - k. Finalizing plans for the upcoming Public Meetings in our proposed geographic boundary to discuss the application of the proposed Generation 26 open-enrollment charter school
 - *Important* – Reflections on (i) Website <https://7CsAcademy.org> and (ii) Facebook Engagement <https://www.facebook.com/7CsAcademy/>
 - *Urgent* – Reminder. Governing Board of 7CsThrive will be attending the **2-day LSG Training**, to relentlessly focus on improving student outcomes with continuous improvement of the District’s academic and financial performance on Friday, December 4 – Saturday, December 5, 2020. The Training will be co-facilitated by Superintendents *Dr. Drew Howard* and *Dr. Nathan Balasubramanian*.

Following this high-quality LSG Training, the Governing Board of 7CsThrive, Inc. will receive additional training on **Governance Training Optimization (GTO)**, specifically designed for **Charter School Boards** on the three GTO components:

- #1. The *Texas Charter School Board Member Handbook* v1,
- #2. The *GTO Training Modules*, and
- #3. Seven, one-page *Quick Guides* dealing with
 - (i) Board Self Evaluation
 - (ii) Competitive Bidding Procedures for Charter School Boards
 - (iii) Evaluating Your Superintendent/CEO (School Leader)
 - (iv) Recruiting New Board Members
 - (v) School Financial Reports
 - (vi) Open Meetings Act

(vii) Understanding Academic Accountability for Texas Charter Schools
As TEA's **Charter-Certified Provider (CCP)**, Dr. Nathan Balasubramanian will provide this additional **GTO** training to the Governing Board of 7CsThrive, Inc.

C. Financial Report

Presenter: Dr. Nathan Balasubramanian

9. **Adjourn to Closed Session**

The Board will enter a closed meeting to discuss personnel and other matters and to consult with an attorney, under Sections 551.071 and 551.074 of the Texas Government Code.

- A. Discuss opportunity and costs of using full-service Charter Developers, like the one we interviewed on May 6, 2020 and others, who offer lease-to-buy options.
- B. Explore lease and/or purchase of land and building, conditional upon award of Charter on June 25, 2021.
- C. Review Architectural and Engineering Services Proposal for the 7Cs Academy Project upon Facility Acquisition.

10. **Reconvene in Open Session**

11. **Action Items**

Possible action from informational and closed session items.

- A. Consider and approve Monthly Financial Report dated December 3, 2020 as presented.

12. **Confirmation of Upcoming Meeting Dates:** *LSG 2-day Retreat* – December 4-5, 2020

Board Workshop – December 17, 2020

Regular Meeting – January 7, 2020

13. **Check-out**

With our continued focus and reminder on Student Outcome Goals

- Check-out with *Mood Meter* to model importance of **S**ocial **E**motional **C**haracter **D**evelopment (**SECD**) to improve student outcomes.

14. **Adjournment**