

# ACADEMY OF ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE

Citrus County, Florida

## Board of Directors Special Meeting Minutes January 25, 2023

### 1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Michelle Leeper called to order the **special meeting** of the **AES Board of Directors** at 2:31 p.m. on **Wednesday January 25, 2023, at the Academy of Environmental Science Campus**. Present: Michelle Leeper, Chris Monrad, Pierre Santos, Michael Fisette, Angelique Hickman, Michael Czerwinski, and Barry Widman. Absent with prior notice: Drake Banks and Tom Gotterup. Staff present: Ernest Hopper, Nikki Rieck

### 2. Moment of Silent Reflection

### 3. Pledge of Allegiance

### 4. Introduction of Visitors and Guests

- a) Darrick Buettner
- b) Dr. Jill Adera
- c) Kevin Cunningham

### 5. Approval of Agenda

**Motion** by Pierre Santos to **accept the amended agenda; seconded** by Chris Monrad. **Motion carried.**

### 6. Business

#### a. Public Outreach Campaign -

Jill Adera- Current total \$211,000 with reserves. The consensus of the board is to allow Dr. Jill Adera to ask for the remainder of Phase 2 and 3 (\$300,000) when she speaks with the hospital board. She will be meeting with them on Monday, January 30, 2023.

#### b. Kevin Cunningham - Is speaking with the director of Florida Community Trust.

#### c. Darrick Buettner - Discussed partnering with CCEF. Michelle Leeper (or current chairperson) would join CCEF Board of Directors and Shaunda Burdette would join the AES Board of Directors. We have the approval of Sam Himmel.

**Motion** by Michael Czerwinski to **partner with CCEF, Seconded** by Chris Monrad. **Motion carried.**

**Motion** by Pierre Santos to **increase to board from 9 to 11 members, seconded** by Chris Monrad. **Motion did not carry.**

**Motion** by Michelle Leeper to **increase the board from 9 to 13 members, seconded** by Michael Fisette. **Motion carried 4 to 3.** The bylaws will reflect the vote. We will be setting up interviews for the next board meeting.

**Motion** by Pierre Santos to **create an AES parent organization, Seconded** by Chris Monrad. **Motion carried.** It would consist of parents from the Sophomore class; a President (would serve as past present the following year), a Vice President, and a Treasurer. Parents from the Freshman class; a President elect, a Vice President elect, and a Treasurer elect.

#### d. Ernie Hopper- In contact with Ann Marie at Duke, should have an answer Friday, January 27, 2023. Scope of bid with Eric week of January 30- February 3, 2023. Fox News has scope of repairs.

#### e. **Motion** by Michael Czerwinski to approve \$500.00 to join Florida Consortium of Public Charter Schools **Seconded** by Chris Monrad. **Motion carried.**

### 7. Adjournment

**Motion** by Pierre Santos to **adjourn** the meeting at **3:51 p.m. Seconded** by Chris Monrad. **Motion carried.**