

ACADEMY OF ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE, INC.
CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA
Board of Directors Meeting
2:30 pm
February 8, 2023
Minutes

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Michelle Leeper called to order the regular meeting of the AES Board of Directors at 2:45 pm on Wednesday, February 8, 2023, at the Academy of Environmental Science Campus.

Present: Michelle Leeper, Chris Monrad, Michael Fisette, Drake Banks, Barry Widman, Pierre Santos, Angelique Hickman, and Michael Czerwinski. Absent with prior notice Tom Gotterup.

Staff present: Nikki Rieck, Ernest Hopper, Misty Lyons.

2. Moment of Silent Reflection

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Introduction of visitors and guests

5. Approval of agenda

Motion made by Angelique Hickman to approve the agenda. Seconded by Michael Czerwinski.
Motion Carried

6. Approval of Board Meeting minutes from January 11, 2023

Motion made by Michael Czerwinski to approve the minutes. Seconded by Pierre Santos.
Motion Carried.

7. Approval of Board Meeting minutes from January 25, 2023

Motion by Michael Czerwinski to approve the minutes. Seconded by Angelique Hickman. Motion carried.

8. Approval of Treasurer's Report from January 11, 2023

Motion by Michelle Leeper with special thanks to approve the Treasurer's report. Seconded by Michael Czerwinski. Motion carried.

9. Citizen Comments

Dr. Jill Adera spoke about the fundraising efforts and the parent organization that will be formed.
Darrick Buettner spoke about starting the parent organization.

10. Officers' Reports

a. Vice-Chairman- None

b. Treasurer- Motion to approve the Treasurer's report by Michael Czerwinski. Seconded by Angelique Hickman. Motion carried.

c. Secretary- Angelique Hickman reminded everyone that if they would like an item added to the agenda to let Michelle Leeper know.

11. Principal's Report

Mr. Hopper informed the board that AES has reached the current goal for repairs. A solution for the elevator is being discussed.

Motion by Pierre Santos to allow Mr. Hopper to send out bids for the elevator repairs. Seconded by Michael Czerwinski. Motion carried.

Motion by Pierre Santos to allow Mr. Hopper to send out bids for Phase 2 repairs. Seconded by Angelique Hickman. Motion carried.

Recruitment and enrollment ended February 3, 2023, 234 students applied and 140 have been qualified. The list of returning students needs to be finalized.

12. New Business

- a. Mike Fissette met with Mike Hrbrina. Mike Hrbrina would like to present to the board. An email to follow with details.
- b. Healthy School Team/Wellness Committee Presentation
Mr. Hopper presented a slide presentation.

13. Old Business

- a. Facility maintenance/capital improvements
 - 1. Coastal Resiliency-None
 - 2. Status of Repairs- See Agenda item 11
 - 3. Septic to sewer-Closer to permitting
 - 4. Plan for next year's repairs- Phase 3 still needs funding.
- b. Boat Auction- On hold
- c. Public Outreach Campaign-

Crystal River Rotary met on Monday, February 6, they are in the process of sending a donation. Kevin Cunningham and Keith Pullias are working on solutions with FCT.

Nikki Rieck informed the board that AES has been asked by multiple donors to remain anonymous. A release to the Chronicle will give a generic statement of how funds came in. That the current goal has been met and we are still working to secure funds for the rest of the repair phases.

Dr. Jill Adera informed the AES board that the Hospital Board was waiting on the decision from the Hospital Foundation before they would proceed.

14. Committee Reports

It is the consensus of the Board to postpone the April Gala until fall.

15. Board of Directors' Reports/Comments

Michelle Leeper will be meeting with Ken Frink to get the 5 year lease signed.

Michael Fissette let the board know that the Citrus County Builders association has volunteer hours available. He will get the information to Nikki Rieck.

Angelique Hickman will be sending a copy of the by-laws to all new candidates for the board.

16. Staff Reports/Comments

Nikki Rieck let the board know that the Boys State team will have 3 former AES students.

17. Calendar/Upcoming AES Events

- February 10, 2023, PERT Testing
- February 11, 2023, Purple Heart Ceremony
- February 22, 2023, Manatee Trip with the Plantation
- March 10, 2023, School Dance (chaperones needed)

18. Items for Next Meeting Agenda

Adjustment to 13 a 4 to read Phase 3

Mike Hrbrina will have a presentation for us.

Chris Monrad will be covering the March meeting. Michelle Leeper will be absent with prior notice.

19. Time and Date of Next Meeting

- February 22, 2023 at 2:30pm at AES- Board Member interviews
- March 8, 2023 at 2:30pm at AES- Regular Board Meeting

20. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Pierre Santos. Seconded by Angelique Hickman. Motion carried 4:44pm