August 2021 Board Meeting Date: August 31, 2021.

Time: 6:30 PM - 8:15 PM.

Location: Virtual meeting at https://emblazeacademy- org.zoom.us/j/5210424773?pwd=ckFDVG9aSERJa mNjbHdMSWJQcmkyQT09.

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| **Board Members in Attendance:** | **Absent Board Members:**  | **Other Attendees:**  |
| *Geraldo Vasquez**Tameka Beckford-Young* *Janneth Gaona**Marlin Jenkins* | *Matthew Kirby-Smith* | *Erienne Rojas,* *Shakina Hinton**Derian (Edtec)**Stacy Chavez**Maritza* |

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| **Time** | **Lead** | **Agenda Item** |
| **6:30** | Gerry | Call to order |
| **6:30-6:45** | Gerry | Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes* May – June 2021 (incl Special Mtg) Board Meetings (Will be discussed next meeting)
* July 2020 – Oct 2020; Dec 2020 and March 2021 – April 2021 Board Meetings (Will be discussed next meeting)
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| **6:45-7:05** | Gerry/Derian (Edtec) | Finance and Facilities Committee Report* June 2021 Financial Results Update

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| **7:05-7:30** | Shakina/Erienne | Management Report* August 2021 Update (including enrollment and hiring statuses)
	+ Staffing: only need to hire about 7 more people
	+ 2 interviews coming up and 2 feelers put out
	+ 2 people hired within the last week
* Restructuring of Management Team (to be discussed at the next meeting)
* Exam discussion
	+ There will be more testing diagnostics this year as well as extra help time provided by teachers
	+ Created stipends for teachers to provide more afterschool tutoring, weekend workshops, as well as pull small groups during the day to assist with getting students back on track after the last 18 months of learning loss
	+ Designated state exam prep for 8th grade so that they can get into the specialized schools that they desire
	+ There is a proposition, that starting at the beginning of the year that the school will track all diagnostic exams and mock state exams running throughout the year.
* Reopening Plan Update
	+ There was a family re-opening meeting with 85 families
	+ Academics full reopening Tuesday Sept 7;
		- There will be a 4-day student orientation (730am-12pm)
	+ First academic day is September 13; school day hours will be M-Th 7:30am-3:18pm and F 7:30am-12:25pm
	+ 34 students are virtual, and 297 students are in person- total student enrollment is 331
	+ Emblaze budgeted for a 310-student enrollment; we have 331 enrolled before the first day of school
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| **7:30-8:00** | Shakina/Erienne | Review and Vote:* Face Covering Policy Unanimously Approved
	+ Created along Tri-net partners
	+ All employees must cover face before entering campus
	+ This is regardless of Vaccination status; everyone (employees, students, staff, and guests) is required to wear a face covering if they are on campus,
	+ If someone comes in without a face covering, a disposable one will be provided
* Health Screening Policy Unanimously Approved
	+ Both families and students must fill out the health screening form anytime they are to enter the premises of the school; they must also agree to have their temperature checked
	+ If one decides to disclose their vaccination status, they will no longer be required to complete the daily forms, up until they are considered fully vaccinated in accordance with CDC guidelines (EMPLOYEES ONLY)
	+ Any employee or student with a temperature above 100 degrees or more they will be sent home or not allowed into the school
* Testing Policy Unanimously Approved after secondary discussions
	+ These were developed along with Tri-net as well
	+ On the guidance given by the DOE, 10% of unvaccinated students should be tested on a bi-weekly basis
	+ Consent forms will be filled out by parents
* School Health Policy for Visitors Unanimously Approved
	+ Parents meetings must be scheduled through zoom
	+ Emergencies requiring parents to enter the school will be excused, but anything that can be held online will continue to be held through zoom
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| **8:00-8:05** | Marlin | Enrollment and Development Committee Report (Will be discussed next meeting)* Enrollment Update
* Development Update
* Branding Program
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| **8:05-8:15** | Gerry/Tameka | Governance Committee Report (Will be discussed next meeting)* NYSED Deficiencies
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| **8:15** | Gerry | Adjournment |