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| **MEAC Board of Directors Meeting** | | | | | | | | | | **Date:** April 14, 2021 | | | |
| **Time Convened:**  12PM PT/1PM MT/  2PM CT/4PM ET  **Time Adjourned:**  1:42PM PT/2:42 PM MT/  3:42PM CT/4:42PM ET | | | |
| **Type of Meeting:** Screen sharing and  audio on Zoom | | | |
| **Attendees (Present Yes/No):** | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Board Members** | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aimee Eden | no | | Karen Ehrlich | | no | Elon Geffrard | | | no | | Gina Gerboth | | yes |
| Scottie Hale Buehler | yes | | Cassaundra Jah | | yes | Katie Krebs | | | yes | | Sandra Lee Wise | | yes |
| Safiya McCarter | yes | | Whitney Mesyef | | yes | Carolina Nkouaga | | | yes | | Abigail Reese | | yes |
| Kristi Ridd-Young | yes | |  | |  |  | | |  | |  | |  |
| **Administrative Staff** | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Rachael Bommarito | yes | | Amari Fauna | | Yes | Trixi Packmohr | | | yes | | Marissa Delgado Ohoyo | | yes |
| Jessica Baynes | no | | Rachel Ornstein | | yes |  | | |  | |  | |  |
| **Guests:** none | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Notes taken by:** | | | Marissa Delgado Ohoyo and Rachael Bommarito | | | | | | | | | | |
| ***Minutes*** | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Agenda Item:** | | Consent Agenda | | | | | **Presenter:** | | | N/A | | | |
| **Documents:** | | * April 2021 School Status Report * April and May 2021 IBR Assignments * Birthwise Title IV Loss of Eligibility * Birthwise Title IV Rescind of Action * Budget vs Actual March 2021 * CCSM 2021 Substantive Change (Distance Education) * Board Meeting Minutes 2021-03-10 * Board Meeting Minutes 2021-04-01 * FSTM 2021-01-22 TRAC Staff Report * Social Media Policies | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Discussion:** | | Board discusses MEAC policy III.H.8.b. re substantive changes that may be approved or disapproved directly by MEAC’s Director of Accreditation. Method of delivery (e.g., addition of distance education) is such a change. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Conclusions:** | | Cassaundra Jah moves to accept the consent agenda.  Sandra Wise seconds.  Opposed: None.  Recused: None.  Abstaining: None.  Outcome: Motion passes. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Action Items** | | | | | | | **Person Responsible** | | | | | **Deadline** | |
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| Change to P+P? | | | | Change to Handbook? | | | | Notify public or schools? | | | | | |

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| **Agenda Item:** | Accreditation: BMS 2020-07-01 MR | | **Presenter:** | | Abigail Reese and Kristi Ridd-Young | |
| **Documents:** | * BMS 2020-07-01 MR Staff and IBR Report | | | | | |
| **Discussion:** | Katie Krebs recused, departs meeting.  Abby and Kristi present the IBR Report and recommendations.   * V.A1 – Met-2 with no additional reporting recommended * V.A2 – Met-1 with TRAC Report * V.B1 – Not Met with Compliance Report * V.B2 – Met-1 with TRAC Report   + Board discussion: No additional reporting required at this time. Deficiencies can be corrected with informal guidance from MEAC, and the Board will continue to monitor compliance with this benchmark via a) annual reporting process and b) compliance planning and reporting process associated with the implementation of the 2020 MEAC Standards. * V.B3 – Met-1 with TRAC Report * V.C2 – Not Met with Compliance Report * V.C4 – Met-2 with no additional reporting recommended * V.D1 – Met-2 with no additional reporting recommended * V.D2 – N/A   Board discusses IBR review, including benchmark scoring and follow-up reporting.  Board also discusses MEAC policies III.H.1 and III.H.8.i regarding substantive changes, and whether an exception to policy is warranted. Rationale for exception to policy:   * III.H.1: The areas of non-compliance may not be due solely or primarily to the change in ownership, legal status or form of control of the institution. * III.H.8.i:   + The areas of non-compliance may not be due solely or primarily to the change in ownership, legal status or form of control of the institution   + It is not possible to remove the substantive change from S-corp to non-profit organization from the institution’s grant of accreditation; this a functional limitation of the policy. | | | | | |
| **Conclusions:** | Scottie Hale Buehler moves to make an exception to MEAC policy III.H.8.i  based on the rationale that a) the areas of non-compliance may not be due solely or primarily to the change in ownership, legal status or form of control of the institution, and b) it is not possible to remove the substantive change from S-Corporation to nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization from the institution’s grant of accreditation; this a functional limitation of the policy.  Cassaundra Jah seconds.  Recusals: Katie Krebs.  Abstentions: None.  Oppositions: None.  Outcome: Motion passes.  Abigail Reese moves to accept BMS 2020-07-01 MR and the IBR recommendations regarding benchmark scoring and follow-up reporting, with one change discussed by the Board (i.e., no additional reporting required for V.B2).  Cassaundra Jah seconds.  Recusals: Katie Krebs.  Abstentions: None.  Oppositions: None.  Outcome: Motion passes. | | | | | |
| **Action Items** | | | **Person Responsible** | | | **Deadline** |
| * Notification to school | | | Rachael Bommarito | | | 4/28/21 |
| Change to P+P? no | | Change to Handbook? no | | Notify public or schools? yes | | |

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| **Agenda Item:** | Accreditation: NCM 2021-03-01 CR | | **Presenter:** | | Katie Krebs | |
| **Documents:** | * NCM 2021-03-01 CR Staff and IBR Report | | | | | |
| **Discussion:** | Cassaundra Jah and Carolina Nkouaga recused, both depart meeting.  Whitney Mesyef joins the meeting. Katie Krebs rejoins the meeting.  Katie presents the IBR Report and recommendations.   * I.C2 – Met-2 with no additional reporting recommended   Board discusses. | | | | | |
| **Conclusions:** | Katie Krebs moves to accept NCM 2021-03-01 CR and the IBR recommendations regarding benchmark scoring and follow-up reporting  Gina Gerboth seconds.  Recusals: None  Abstentions: None  Oppositions: None  Outcome: Motion passes. | | | | | |
| **Action Items** | | | **Person Responsible** | | | **Deadline** |
| * Notification to school | | | Marissa Delgado Ohoyo | | | 4/28/21 |
| Change to P+P? no | | Change to Handbook? no | | Notify public or schools? yes | | |

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| **Agenda Item:** | Development and Fundraising Report | | **Presenter:** | | Rachel Ornstein | |
| **Documents:** | Rachel Ornstein, MEAC Development and Fundraising Director, provides an overview of fundraising plans and initiatives for the year, including:   * Fall 2021: Virtual event with keynote speaker and auction * November 2021: Cookbook Fundraiser * May 2022: Annual Appeal   Outreach   * April 19-23, 2021: National Volunteer Week * May 5, 2021: International Day of the Midwife * November 30, 2021: Giving Tuesday * Future ideas: MEAC Alumni Club or Friends of MEAC | | | | | |
| **Discussion:** |  | | | | | |
| **Conclusions:** |  | | | | | |
| **Action Items** | | | **Person Responsible** | | | **Deadline** |
| * Mark calendars | | | Board and Staff | | |  |
| Change to P+P? no | | Change to Handbook? no | | Notify public or schools? no | | |

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| **Agenda Item:** | Future Meeting Dates | | **Presenter:** | | N/A | |
| **Documents:** | * 2021-04-14 BOD Meeting Agenda | | | | | |
| **Discussion:** | Next Board meeting: May 12, 2021  Next Executive Committee Meeting: May 5, 2021  Next Equity and Access Committee meeting: May 3, 2021  Next member School meeting: April 19, 2021 | | | | | |
| **Conclusions:** |  | | | | | |
| **Action Items** | | | **Person Responsible** | | | **Deadline** |
| * Mark calendars | | | Board and Staff | | |  |
| Change to P+P? | | Change to Handbook? | | Notify public or schools? | | |