# MONUMENT ACADEMY "A Charter School, a Public School of Choice" BOARD OF DIRECTORS' SPECIAL MEETING

# (Board Members will be virtual due to schedules) August 4, 2021 at 3:00pm MST Meeting will be facilitated by Zoom

#### **Mission Statement:**

The mission of Monument Academy is to provide a challenging, content–rich, academic program offered within an engaging, caring, and positive learning environment. Established on a solid foundation of knowledge, Monument Academy emphasizes academic excellence, respect, responsibility, character, and exemplary citizenship.

#### A. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/QUORUM/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mr. Graham opened the meeting at 3:02pm and took roll call and declared a quorum. Mrs. McCuen read the mission statement. Mr. Graham led the pledge of allegiance.

Board Members in Attendance:

- Joe Buczkowski
- Lindsay Clinton
- Chris Dole
- Misty McCuen
- Megghan St Aubyn
- Ryan Graham

Others in Attendance:

- Brad Miller
- Merlin Holmes

### **B. ADDITIONS TO/APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

a. There were no additions or corrections to the agenda. Agenda was approved as distributed by unanimous consent.

#### C. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS PERTAINING TO AGENDA ITEMS RECEIVED VIA EMAIL

a. None

#### D. MOTION TO ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a. Mr. Graham stated this executive session was not pertaining to COVID restrictions or mandates.
- b. At 3:06pm, Mrs. St Aubyn motioned to adjourn to executive session pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(b, e & f) to receive legal advice on specific legal matters, to discuss negotiating positions and to advise negotiators, and to discuss personnel matters related to facility financing, charter contract matters, and performance of school administrators. Mr. Buczkowski seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- **E. EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Executive Session pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(b, e & f) to receive legal advice on specific legal matters, to discuss negotiating positions and to advise negotiators, and to discuss personnel matters related to facility financing, charter contract matters, and performance of school administrators.

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## F. ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

a. Mr. Graham re-opened the meeting at 4:03pm. Mrs. St Aubyn read the attached statement to the community.

#### **G. ADJOURNMENT**

a. Mr. Dole motioned to adjourn and Mrs. St. Aubyn seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 4:05pm.

# H. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS NOT PERTAINING TO AGENDA ITEMS RECEIVED VIA EMAIL:

a. None

#### **Statement from Monument Academy Board of Directors**

We are deeply saddened by the loss of beloved Monument Academy Principal, Charles Richardson, "Mr. R.", who passed away on August 4, 2021.

Mr. R.'s devotion to Monument Academy was evident to all who knew him. He was proud of the school and worked tirelessly to ensure a safe and loving environment for our students. A passionate educator, he loved to tell tales of his connection with kids, including being slimed, dunked, or getting a pie in the face. It is without question that he will be deeply missed by students, staff, and Board members alike.

Mr. R's greatest love was for his family and he always spoke with pride and admiration for his wife and children. Our hearts go out to his wife, Michele, and two children, Amy and Daniel, and all who were touched by his life.

Although we will always wish for more time, we are incredibly grateful for the service and dedication Charlie Richardson gave to Monument Academy. He will be deeply missed.

Out of respect for the family, please allow time and space for all to grieve. We will be communicating with our MA family over the coming weeks and months.

Sincerely,

Ryan Graham, President Megghan St. Aubyn, Vice President Lindsay Clinton, Secretary Chris Dole, Treasurer Joe Buczkowski Misty McCuen