## LHU Board of Directors Special Meeting

**June 9, 2023 5:00 PM**

**Sterling Montessori Academy and Charter School**

**202 Treybrooke Drive, Morrisville, NC 27560**

**Virtual via Google Meet**

### 1. COMMENCEMENT

#### Call to Order and Board Attendance w/Determination of Quorum At 5:08pm

##### Quorum Present with following Board Members in Attendance:

| **Name** | **Present** |  | **Name** | **Present** |  | **Name** | **Present** |
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| Katie Brown | X |  | Ryan Hill | X |  | Elizabeth Uzzell | X |
| Kim Elliott | X |  | Kevin Hughes | X |  | Robert Wolfe | X |
| Jessi Fasola |  |  | Chris Morton | X |  | Lan Zhu | X |
| Leslie Hamilton | X |  | Rachel Richardson |  |  |  |  |

##### Reading of Mission Statement:

*“The mission of Sterling Montessori is to create a diverse educational community, grounded in the Montessori philosophy and teaching practices, that fosters curiosity, creativity, and critical thinking in its students. We strive to empower each student to become life-long learners who respect themselves, others, and their environment.”*

#### Conflict of Interest Statement

*“At this time, we ask all board members to make a statement to be recorded in the minutes should they know of any conflict of interest or appearance of conflict with respect to any matters coming before them during this meeting. It is the duty of each board member to abstain from discussion and voting on such matters.”*

#### Native Land Acknowledgement

*“The LHU Board recognizes that Sterling Montessori sits on the ancestral land of the Tuscarora, Lumbee and Occaneechi Band of the Saponi Tribes. As we strive to become better stewards of the environment, we also strive to provide a more equitable and culturally responsive environment for all students, but especially Black and indigenous students of color.”*

#### Agenda Items:

*Including any related consent agenda items or discussion items added to agenda prior to consent vote.*

* Approval of hires
* Closed session to discuss approval of hire and personnel related matters per NCGS: To consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, conditions of appointment, or conditions of initial employment of a present or prospective public officer or employee [N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11(a)(6)]

**Approval of Agenda**

At 5:11p, Elizabeth Uzzell moved to approve the agenda. Approved

| **Name** | **Aye** | **Nay** | **Abs** |  | **Name** | **Aye** | **Nay** | **Abs** |  | **Name** | **Aye** | **Nay** | **Abs** |
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| Katie Brown | X |  |  |  | Ryan Hill | X |  |  |  | Elizabeth Uzzell | M |  |  |
| Kim Elliott | X |  |  |  | Kevin Hughes | X |  |  |  | Robert Wolfe | X |  |  |
| Jessi Fasola |  |  | X |  | Chris Morton | X |  |  |  | Lan Zhu | X |  |  |
| Leslie Hamilton | X |  |  |  | Rachel Richardson |  |  | X |  |  |  |  |  |

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### 2. CLOSED SESSION

**Enter Closed Session**

To consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, conditions of appointment, or conditions of initial employment of a present or prospective public officer or employee [N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11(a)(6)].

At 5:14pm, Elizabeth Uzzell moved to enter closed session per NCGS [N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11(a)(6)]. Approved

| **Name** | **Aye** | **Nay** | **Abs** |  | **Name** | **Aye** | **Nay** | **Abs** |  | **Name** | **Aye** | **Nay** | **Abs** |
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| Katie Brown | X |  |  |  | Ryan Hill | X |  |  |  | Elizabeth Uzzell | M |  |  |
| Kim Elliott | X |  |  |  | Kevin Hughes | X |  |  |  | Robert Wolfe | X |  |  |
| Jessi Fasola |  |  | X |  | Chris Morton | X |  |  |  | Lan Zhu | X |  |  |
| Leslie Hamilton | X |  |  |  | Rachel Richardson |  |  | X |  |  |  |  |  |

\*Lan Zhu departed the meeting at 6:30p during the closed session.

\*Chris Morton dropped at 6:49p during closed sessions.   
  
**Return to Open Session**

At 6:57p, Elizabeth Uzzell moved to return to open session. No action taken. Approved

| **Name** | **Aye** | **Nay** | **Abs** |  | **Name** | **Aye** | **Nay** | **Abs** |  | **Name** | **Aye** | **Nay** | **Abs** |
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| Katie Brown | x |  |  |  | Ryan Hill | x |  |  |  | Elizabeth Uzzell | M |  |  |
| Kim Elliott | x |  |  |  | Kevin Hughes | x |  |  |  | Robert Wolfe | x |  |  |
| Jessi Fasola |  |  |  |  | Chris Morton |  |  |  |  | Lan Zhu |  |  |  |
| Leslie Hamilton | x |  |  |  | Rachel Richardson |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

### 3. APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS

**Consent Item – Approval of Hires**

At 6:59pm, Elizabeth Uzzell moved to approve the personnel changes as noted below and discussed in closed session. Approved

| **Full Name** | **Classroom/Section** | **Position (Year)** | **Action / Change** | **Note** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Andrea Slanker | A6 | Children’s House Lead | Hire |  |
| Diane Hefter | A8 | Children’s House Lead | Hire |  |
| Sheetal Verman | A6 | Children’s House Assistant | Hire |  |
| Lara Hamblen | TBA | Upper Elementary Lead Guide | Internal Move |  |
| Sara Stinnette | MS | Middle School Humanities | Internal Move |  |
| Brittany Long | Ops | Media and Communication Manager | Hire |  |

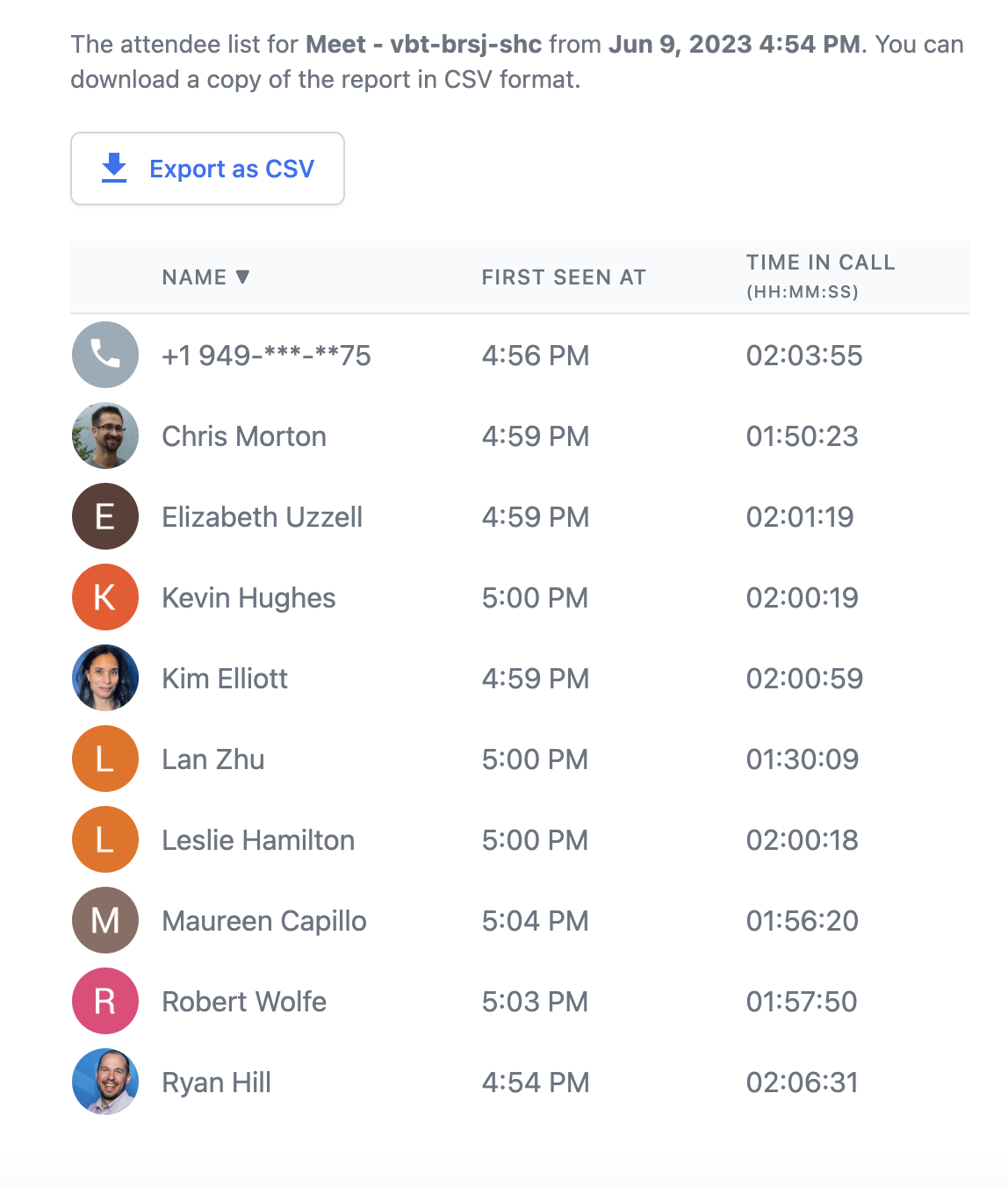
| **Name** | **Aye** | **Nay** | **Abs** |  | **Name** | **Aye** | **Nay** | **Abs** |  | **Name** | **Aye** | **Nay** | **Abs** |
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| Katie Brown | x |  |  |  | Ryan Hill | x |  |  |  | Elizabeth Uzzell | M |  |  |
| Kim Elliott | x |  |  |  | Kevin Hughes | x |  |  |  | Robert Wolfe | x |  |  |
| Jessi Fasola |  |  |  |  | Chris Morton |  |  |  |  | Lan Zhu |  |  |  |
| Leslie Hamilton | x |  |  |  | Rachel Richardson |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

### 4. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:00p, Elizabeth Uzzell moved to adjourn. Approved

| **Name** | **Aye** | **Nay** | **Abs** |  | **Name** | **Aye** | **Nay** | **Abs** |  | **Name** | **Aye** | **Nay** | **Abs** |
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| Katie Brown | x |  |  |  | Ryan Hill | x |  |  |  | Elizabeth Uzzell | M |  |  |
| Kim Elliott | x |  |  |  | Kevin Hughes | x |  |  |  | Robert Wolfe | x |  |  |
| Jessi Fasola |  |  |  |  | Chris Morton |  |  |  |  | Lan Zhu |  |  |  |
| Leslie Hamilton | x |  |  |  | Rachel Richardson |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

**Attendance:**

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