

**Community School of Digital and Visual Arts (CSDVA)
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

Date: February 3, 2022

Location: Virtual -Zoom

Time: 4:p.m.

1. Call to Order and Recording Notice

The meeting was called to order, and a notice was given that the session would be recorded to ensure accurate transcription of the minutes. Board members unanimously agreed to proceed with recording.

2. Leadership Update

Executive Director **Brian Crawford** provided a school update, highlighting the hiring of a visual editor to strengthen the digital and visual arts program. The new staff member will work directly with students on media production projects, in alignment with CSDVA's creative and experiential learning model.

3. Charter Renewal Review and Strategic Discussion

The Board reviewed the recent charter renewal outcome. While a five-year renewal had been requested, a three-year term was granted. Leadership attributed this result to three primary concerns raised by the state:

1. A previous **financial warning letter** citing low reserve levels.
2. Concerns about **long-term financial sustainability**, especially given past reliance on temporary COVID-19 relief funding.
3. A shift in school performance designation from "**exceeds growth**" to "**meets growth**," resulting in a "**low-performing**" classification based on comparative data with Durham Public Schools.

Board members emphasized the need for ongoing **policy advocacy** and strategic communications to distinguish CSDVA's mission and context from higher-resourced charter schools. Several members committed to contacting state legislators to elevate awareness about equity issues in the charter renewal process.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.