

**Goodwill LEADS, Inc.**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**

September 5, 2024 at 12:00 p.m. Eastern

The Goodwill LEADS, Inc. Board of Directors met in Room 104 of The Excel Center South Bend. Those Present were:

**LEADS, INC. Board:**

Debie Coble, Goodwill President/CEO  
Anthony Allison, Board Chair  
Dana Trowbridge  
Juliann Jankowski  
Ann Carol Nash  
Jayde Lippert  
Audra Peterson  
Marcos Rodriguez, Jr.  
Taira Nelson

**Absent:**

Andrea Pearman, Vice Chair  
Wally McQuade

**Staff present:**

Dr. Chris Alber, Vice President of Excel Centers  
Kimberly Beck, Central Office & Data Manager

**NOTES ON THE MINUTES**

Roll call and all votes on measures presented to the board are done via a roll call vote that is reflected in the minutes and performed within the approved measures outlined in the bylaws.

**WELCOME**

The meeting began at 12:00 p.m. Those present were announced by roll call. Later attendees were added as they entered.

Roll Call		
Board Member	Y	N
Debie Coble	Present	
Anthony Allison	Present, virtual	
Andrea Pearman		Not Present
Dana Trowbridge	Present, virtual	
Juliann Jankowski	Present, virtual	
Ann Carol Nash	Present, virtual, arrived 12:07	
Wally McQuade		Not Present
Jayde Lippert	Present, virtual, arrived 12:05	
Marcos Rodriguez	Present, virtual	
Taira Nelson	Present, virtual	
Audra Peterson	Present, virtual, arrived 12:13	

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There being no public present, no comments were made.

Dr. Alber took this time to introduce the three new board members to the board: Marcos Rodriguez, Taira Nelson, and Audra Peterson.

**RESOLUTION TO RENEW SOUTH BEND EXCEL CHARTER**

Dr. Alber reviewed the ICSB guidelines for charter renewal and informed those present that the South Bend Charter was up for renewal, and shared that the maximum time allowed for the renewal would be 15 years. He shared that the Excel Center South Bend wished to apply for renewal and also hoped to be given the full 15 years.

Dr. Alber then reviewed the proposed resolution for the approval to renew South Bend Excel's charter with those present. There being no further questions, a motion was made to approve the resolution by Mr. Trowbridge and seconded by Ms. Jankowski. During this time, Jayde Lippert joined the meeting at 12:05.

Roll Call		
Board Member	Y	N
Debie Coble	X	
Anthony Allison	X	
Andrea Pearman		Not Present
Dana Trowbridge	X	
Juliann Jankowski	X	
Ann Carol Nash		Not Present for Vote
Wally McQuade		Not Present
Jayde Lippert	X	
Marcos Rodriquez	X	
Taira Nelson	X	
Audra Peterson		Not Present for Vote

After the vote, Dr. Alber reviewed the charter renewal application timeline with those present, and shared current plans on how to accomplish the items. Ms. Nash joined at 12:07.

Ms. Coble shared with those present current plans on advocating for Excel Centers in Indiana in the hopes to increase current per student payment for Membership to be adjusted to 7,650 from 6,750 dollars per student. She reviewed what current lobbying and advocacy was occurring. Ms. Peterson joined at 12:12 p.m.

Ms. Nash requested that an overview of the current advocacy and data supporting it be presented in the October board meeting. Mr. Trowbridge requested that this include a review of how beneficial an increase in per student funding would be for the Excel Centers of Michiana.

There being no further discussion, the meeting closed at 12:15 p.m.

Kimberly Beck  
Central Office & Data Manager