



## Blueprint Schools Program Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

April 7, 2021

Start Time - 6:00 pm

### Attendance

<i>Name</i>	<i>Affiliation</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Affiliation</i>
Dr. Monica Goldson	Chief Executive Officer	Jason Washington	Director, P3 Office
Angela Alsobrooks	County Executive	Brittney Bennett	Communications Coordinator
Calvin S. Hawkins II	County Council Chair		

### Call to Order:

Called to order by Brittney Bennett: "The inaugural meeting of the Blueprint Schools Program Steering Committee is called to order."

### Meeting Logistics:

- Spanish translation access
- ASL interpretation – occurs simultaneously.
- Q&A function – disabled
- Questions can be submitted on the program website: [www.pgcpsblueprintschools.com](http://www.pgcpsblueprintschools.com)
- Public comments - will be called on in the order in which you signed up

### Motion to move into Executive Session:

Dr. Goldson makes a motion - "Pursuant to Section 3-305(b)(1) of the General Provisions Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, the members of the Steering Committee are closing the meeting (momentarily) and moving into Executive Session to elect a Chair, as required in the Memorandum of Understanding."

Dr. Goldson, County Executive Alsobrooks, and Council Chair Hawkins left the public webinar and entered into Executive Session to select the Steering Committee Chair.

### Meeting Resumes:

Meeting reconvenes with the announcement of the selection of County Council Chair, Calvin S. Hawkins to be chair of the Blueprint Schools Program Steering Committee.

### Opening Remarks:

Opening remarks by Dr. Goldson, "We convened in closed session and have elected Chair Hawkins to serve as the Chair of the Steering Committee. So Chair Hawkins, if you could now move forward. Thank you"





Chair, Calvin S. Hawkins calls the public meeting to order.

#### **Steering Committee moves to:**

- Chair Hawkins moves to approve the agenda for the Steering Committee Meeting. Dr. Goldson seconded. All Steering Committee members voted in favor with no opposition or abstention.
- Chair Hawkins moves to approve the Blueprint Schools Program Governance Document. Dr. Goldson seconded. All Steering Committee members voted in favor with no opposition or abstention.

#### **Director Report**

Jason Washington provides an overview of the Blueprint Schools Program, its objectives and goals and highlights key program terms related to the Exclusive Negotiation Agreement, Prince George's County Education and Community Partners (PGCECP) community investments and commitments, the community engagement that has taken place to date and the role each of the schools has and will play in the development of the program and design. Mr. Washington also explained how the program is addressing concerns and questions and that the public can access all information on the program website, [www.pgcpsblueprintschoools.org](http://www.pgcpsblueprintschoools.org). Mr. Washington also discusses the [BPS program quarterly report - April 2021](#) and what it entails and the purpose it will serve to provide quarterly updates to the public.

Finally, Mr. Washington introduces Prince George's County Education & Community Partners representatives who will be on the ground shepherding the program and available to address any concerns: Ms. Brandey Rodgers McDonald from Fengate, Mr. Darin Early from Gilbane Development Company and Mr. Michael Ricketts from Gilbane Building Company.

#### **Q&A:**

Committee:

Dr. Goldson poses the question "how is the program addressing the storm water concerns expressed by the residents of the Tantallon community?"

Mr. Ricketts responds that "we evaluate sites based on: What is currently happening on site in the existing condition and what is the post-development condition like? We are exceeding requirements by code and are further reducing the amount of runoff that that particular site has, currently. It's achieved through various on-site devices. The after construction condition will be significantly better than the virgin site is now."

Chair Hawkins asks "are we still on track to meet the July 15, 2023 date?"

Ms. McDonald responds "absolutely are on track to meet that date."

County Executive Alsobrooks asks "how will the program track and report our compliance with the metrics that are set forth in the project agreement?"

Mr. Washington responds that "we're in the final stages of procuring software to be used to track metrics, certified payroll, certifications that the business have and to hold ourselves accountable to track participants."





Once a month, Prince George's County Education and Community Partners holds a MBE recruitment fair that has over 450 participants, to date. This has been ongoing since early October 2020. Gilbane has begun pre-qualification to support businesses who may not know how to participate. Once bid packages start going out, this will be public information.”

Dr. Goldson asks “how will the program ensure that the community remains engaged, even when construction begins?”

Mr. Washington - “We’ve done the town halls now and we will focus on more direct engagement such as newsletters that will be specific to each community. PGCECP has committed that each school will have a community investment fund of roughly \$10,000 to collaborate and use with their school community. This will keep school and community engagement and ensure that the school will reflect the community in which we are building. “

Chair Hawkins poses the next question “when will bid packages start being released to the contractor community? And, is it still time for business to get pre-registered. If so, what is the process?”

Mr. Ricketts answers that “the Procurement process is still open. At town halls, we invite people to visit our website to register and ask questions. We are breaking down bid packages significantly so that we can get a broader group of engagement for smaller contractors. Procurement process will continue through the fall into early next year. Early activities such as demolition, we’ve already bid. Almost all design work has been procured. Site work, trash removal, hauling, excavation, new build concrete, concrete supply, all of the interior finish... all still out for procurement.”

County Executive Alsobrooks wants to know “what is PGCECP’s plan in terms of investing in the community over the length of those 30 years? What can the community expect the investment to be?”

Mr. Early states that “Over a 30 year period there will be opportunities to physically work on the building such as maintenance and life cycle replacements. Also a number of internship opportunities for the team on the ground as they are managing the building.

Mr. Washington adds additionally that “the team has been in contact with the CTE program at PGCPs around potential opportunities to expose our students to construction and construction management, the laborer and executive side. Another benefit of this program is that we will be here for 30 years and each discrete team will adopt the area and will identify community investment opportunities for the school communities. This will create a stronger bond between that school (PGCPs) and the county residents.”

Public:

There are no public comments at this time.

**Non-Agenda Items:**

There are no non-agenda items at this time.





**Next Steering Committee Meeting:**

Wednesday 7/14/2021 at 6:00 pm

**Meeting Adjourns:**

Chair Calvin Hawkins motions to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Goldson seconded. Meeting adjourned

