

PTAC HOWARD COUNTY GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

June 6, 2022

Homewood Cafeteria

Board Members present:

Srini Gorantla, President

Terri Marcus, VP Operations

Laurie Ramey, Treasurer

Angela Shiplet, Secretary

Brent Loveless, Legislative Committee Chair

Meg Ricks, Policy Chair

- I. **Call to order** - The meeting was called to order at 7:32 p.m. Quorum was established.
- II. **Distribution of scholarships** - The scholarship committee presented two academic scholarships, three Charles Ekhart Scholarships for community service, and a Teacher's Education scholarship. The committee asked schools to consider donating more to the scholarship fund next year so that more scholarships can be awarded.
- III. **SECAC, CAC, HCEA, BOE, Superintendent's Report, and Free State PTA Reports.** No representatives from SECAC, CAC, HCEA, or Free State PTA were present to provide a report.
 - A. Board of Education Report - Dr. Lu discussed the agenda for the June 9, 2022, Board of Education meeting and recent actions by the Board.
 - B. Superintendent's Report - Mr. LeMon presented the Superintendent's report. Mr. LeMon believes we have a lot of positive momentum with regard to school based mental health services, but the county is in need of agencies interested in working within the school system. Mr. LeMon also discussed changes to the availability of free lunches for all students. Families should be encouraged to fill out the Free and Reduced Priced Meals form, regardless of whether they plan on buying lunch.
- IV. **Approval of minutes** - *Laurie Ramey made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 2, 2022, general meeting. The motion was seconded and passed.*
- V. **Treasurer's Report** - Laurie Ramey presented the [Treasurer's Report](#). *Laurie Ramey made a motion "to allow PTACHC to spend money to cover necessary operating expenses from July 1 until such time as a new budget is approved." The motion was seconded and passed.*
- VI. **Update from after Prom Supporting Activities** - Caroline Bodziak, the outgoing After Prom chair, shared some information about the After Prom activities held this year. Sarah Mugo provided some information on how the committee was able to negotiate better prices for venues.
- VII. **Presentation of Bylaws** - Terri Marcus presented the proposed bylaws.
 - A. *Meg Ricks made a motion to approve Articles 1 through 5, the motion was seconded and passed.*
 - B. *A motion was made and seconded to amend Article 6, Section 1 to "The officers of this council PTA shall be president, three (3) vice presidents: an Executive Vice President, a Vice President of Issues,*

and a Vice President of Operations, one (1) secretary, and a treasurer. The motion passed (16 in favor, 8 opposed, 2 abstentions).

- C. Meg Ricks made a motion to approve Article 6 as amended; the motion was seconded and carried (21 in favor, 1 opposed, 1 abstention).*
- D. Laurie Ramey made a motion that we use the definition of duties from the previous bylaws to describe the duties of the three Vice Presidents in Article 7. The motion was seconded and carried (28 in favor, none opposed, no abstentions).*
- E. Meg Ricks motioned to approve Article 7 as amended; the motion was seconded and carried (28 in favor, none opposed, no abstentions).*
- F. Laurie Ramey motioned to amend Article 8, Section 4, item d, from one month to 15 days. The motion was seconded and carried (24 in favor, none opposed, 3 abstentions).*
- G. Laurie Ramey made a motion to strike the word “categorical” in Article 8, Section 4, item E. The motion was seconded and carried (29 in favor, none opposed, 1 abstention).*
- H. Meg Ricks motioned to approve Article 8 as amended; the motion was seconded and carried (32 in favor, none opposed, no abstentions).*
- I. Meg Ricks motioned to approve Article 9; the motion was seconded and carried (31 approved, opposed, no abstentions).*
- J. Laurie Ramey motioned to add the following language to Article 10, Section 3, “A newly created committee shall be clearly identified as a special or standing committee.” The motion was seconded and carried (28 in favor, none opposed, 1 abstention).*
- K. Laurie Ramey motioned to add a Section 7 to Article 10. This section will state that “PTACHC will have at least three standing committees: Legislative, Policy, and Membership. The motion was seconded and carried (29 in favor, none opposed, 1 abstention).*
- L. Meg Ricks motioned to approve Article 10 as amended; the motion was seconded and carried (32 in favor, none opposed, no abstentions).*
- M. Laurie Ramey made a motion to amend Article 11, Section 1 to strike “the principal of each member local PTA.” The motion was seconded and carried (25 in favor, 6 opposed, 1 abstention).*
- N. Sheliza Inasi made a motion, to strike Article 11, section 4, F: “the principal of each local member’s school.” The motion failed, (7 in favor, 10 opposed, 7 abstentions).*
- O. Laurie Ramey made a motion to include the language of the previous bylaws. “Courtesy members for this body may be called up to speak at a general membership meeting and may choose to present opinions on a motion during the discussion. These members do not have voting rights nor does their presence or absence count toward quorum of the general membership. The motion was seconded and carried (29 in favor, none opposed, 3 abstentions).*
- P. Meg Ricks motioned to approve Article 11 as amended; Laurie Ramey seconded the motion which carried (29 in favor, none opposed, 2 abstentions).*

Q. *Matta Zeinali motioned to change quorum to 25 in Article 12, General Membership Meetings. The motion was seconded and carried (21 in favor, 2 opposed, 6 abstentions).*

R. *Meg Ricks motioned to approve Article 12 as amended; it was seconded and carried (31 in favor, 1 opposed, 0 abstentions).*

S. *Meg Ricks motioned to approve Articles 13-17; the motion was seconded and carried (29 in favor, none opposed, no abstentions).*

VIII. Elections for the 2022-2023 Board of Directors - The nominating committee presented their slate for the 2022-2023 Board of Directors.

A. *Srini Gornatha was nominated as and elected as President; there were no nominations from the floor (31 in favor, none opposed, no abstentions).*

B. *Korin Sharp was nominated as and elected as Executive Vice President; there were no nominations from the floor (33 in favor, none opposed, no abstentions).*

C. *Terri Marcus was nominated as and elected as Vice President of Operations; there were no nominations from the floor (32 in favor, none opposed, no abstentions).*

D. *Angela Shiplet was nominated as and elected as Secretary; there were no nominations from the floor (32 in favor, none opposed, no abstentions).*

E. *LaShelle Marion was nominated as and elected as Treasurer (30 in favor, none opposed, no abstentions).*

IX. Audit Review Committee - Angela Shiplet, Matta Zeinali, and Karen Lynch volunteered to serve on the Audit Review Committee.

X. Legislative Report - Brent Loveless presented the [Legislative Report](#).

XI. Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned.