



*Ashé*  
Preparatory Academy

**Ashé Prep Board Special Meeting – Minutes**

**October 12, 2019**

**3:00 pm – 5:00 pm**

**Location: FAME MLK Community Center – 3201 East Republican, Seattle**

❖ **Meeting called to order at 3:01 pm**

**Members present: Casey Castello, Khavin Debbs, Ed Jefferson, Marjon Way-Bonkanna,**

**Staff present: Debra R. Sullivan**

❖ **Core Value Discussion/Check-In**

**Ed Jefferson = Imani**

**Casey Castello = Nia**

**Marjon Way-Bonkanna = Kuumba**

**Khavin Debbs = Kuumba and Nia**

**Jim Valiere = Imani**

**Debra Sullivan = Kujichagulia**

❖ **Consent Agenda: Approval of Minutes from Special Meetings of the Board of Directors on September 24, September 27, October 1st, and October 4th**

**Ed Jefferson moved to approve minutes from September and October Special Meetings.**

**Khavin Debbs seconded the motion. There was a unanimous decision to approve.**

❖ **Board of Directors Composition**

**Khavin Debbs moved to reappoint Jim Valiere to the Ashé Prep Board of Directors. He had left the Board in order to support the school as a paraeducator. Ed Jefferson seconded the motion. There was a unanimous decision to approve.**

**Public Comment: None**

❖ **Executive Session**

o **Consideration of the performance of a public employee**

o **Discussion of potential litigation to which the Agency might be a party**

**Executive Session began at 3:15 scheduled for 30 minutes. Executive Session ended at 3:45 pm and the Open Public Meeting resumed. No action was taken during Executive Session.**

❖ **Consideration of Executive Director Dr. Sullivan's recommendation to petition the**

**Washington State Charter School Commission to retain and amend Ashe' Prep's charter**

**Marjon Way-Bonkanna moved to open discussion regarding the petition to move forward.**

**Khavin Debbs seconded the motion. Discussion included the realities of the need to raise a lot of money in very little time in order to have enough funding to support a planning year and**

relaunch. Ashé Prep would not be solvent with current funding and what is needed for the following year, not even by launching with fewer students and classes. Board members were reminded that a vote in the negative is a vote to not accept the recommendation. There was a unanimous decision to not accept the recommendation. The Board has voted to terminate Ashé Prep's charter rather than petition the Commission to relaunch.

❖ Discussion of preparation for October 17 meeting with the Washington State Charter School Commission

The Board discussed preparation for the October 17 Commission meeting at 11:30 at Tumwater EDS. Ashé Prep is on the agenda to share information and discuss next steps and lessons learned. Board member Casey Castello will follow up with what that will entail. The Commission will want to hear from some of the Board members regarding what happened and why so everyone can learn from this and determine how the state can build from this.

❖ Adjournment at 3:55 pm

Khavin Debbs moved to adjourn the meeting and Ed Jefferson seconded the motion. There was a unanimous decision to approve the adjournment.