



**Thomas MacLaren School
Special Board of Directors Meeting
October 19, 2023**

APPROVED

The meeting took place in Room #304 at Thomas MacLaren School, 1702 N. Murray Blvd., Colorado Springs, CO 80915.

NB. The recording of the meeting was inaudible in many places; we have listed who made motions when it was audible

I. Call to Order Mr. von Boeck called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

A. Roll Call:

Board members present: Mr. Paul von Boeck, Mrs. Katherine Brophy, Mrs. Purvi Sittner, Mrs. Carol Neel, Mrs. Khristine Prickett Vadala, Mrs. Meredith Wardwell Sherman. Mrs. Dawn Conley was absent.

Staff members present: Mrs. Mary Faith Hall, Executive Director, Mrs. Bridget Rector, Assistant Head of Upper School, Mr. Nico Alvarado and Mr. Ben LaBadie, Heads of Lower and Upper Schools, Ms. Laura Schlichting and Mr. Jared Gonzalez, Assistant Heads of Lower School, Ms. Katie Maslow and Mr. Tim Pingel, Assistant Heads of Upper School, Mr. Grant Cooper and Mrs. Kara Hrbacek, Deans of Faculty, Mrs. Cathy Hanson, Founding Faculty member, Mrs. Kari Coleman, Chief of Staff.

Public present: Mr. Eric Hall, Founder

B. Public Comment: Mrs. Kara Hrbacek, Mrs. Cathy Hanson, Mr. Benjamin LaBadie, Mr. Tim Pingel, and Mr. Nico Alvarado all spoke as members of Thomas MacLaren School staff in support of Mrs. Rector's candidacy.

C. Approval of Agenda: Mr. von Boeck requested a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was made by Mrs. Sittner and seconded by Mrs. Neel. There was unanimous approval.

II. Interview of Executive Director Finalist, Bridget Rector

A. Public interview of finalist: Mr. von Boeck opened the public session of the interview by asking Mrs. Rector to describe what brought her to this moment; Mrs. Rector gave an overview of her resume and described what brought her back to MacLaren, including her conviction in MacLaren's mission. Mrs. Sherman asked Mrs. Rector to explain what makes MacLaren truly MacLaren. Mrs. Rector responded by articulating MacLaren's commitment to the liberal arts and making this education available to all. She described how there may be many goods, but that we need to be single-minded and wholeheartedly pursuing this fundamental goal of the school. Mrs. Vadala asked how Mrs. Rector envisions the school ten years from now. Mrs. Rector described her experience being here thirteen years ago and then returning and seeing the core of the mission the same: the curriculum, the culture, the way the community relates to each other. While some things may look different ten years from now, she expects these fundamentals to remain the same.

B. **Executive Session:** Mr. von Boeck made a motion to go into executive session for the Board to interview the finalist under C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(i)(II). Mrs. Coleman as HR and Mrs. Rector were invited. Mrs. Wardwell seconded. There was unanimous approval.

The Board entered executive session at 4:25 p.m.

The Board exited executive session at 5:23 p.m. with unanimous approval.

C. **Executive Session:** Mr. von Boeck made a motion to enter executive session for the Board to instruct personnel regarding finalist search under C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(i)(III). Mrs. Hall was invited. There was unanimous approval.

The Board entered at 5:25 p.m.

The Board left executive session at 6:02 p.m. with unanimous approval.

The Board moved into regular session at 6:02 p.m.

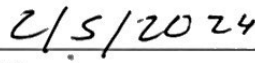
III. Announcements

A. The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for October 26 at 4:00 p.m.

IV. Adjourn: Mr. von Boeck requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Sitter made the motion and Mrs. Brophy seconded. There was unanimous approval. The meeting adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:


Kari Coleman, Minutes Recorder


Date