



**Visible Men Academy**  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Emergency Meeting  
September. 21, 2023  
5:00PM – 6:00PM

**AGENDA**

- I. Welcome and Roll Call- Naiema Frieson-Board Chair**
- II. Board Chair Report – Naiema Frieson- Board Chair**
  - a. Discussion**
  - b. Funding for Outdoor Classroom**
  - c. Operation account**
- III. Next Meeting Oct. 4**
- IV. New business**
- VII. Meeting Adjourned**



Executive Board Meeting | Wednesday, Sept 21, 2023  
4:30pm – 6:22pm | MINUTES

Members Present: Naiema Frieson, Chair. Members: Jeff Meyer, Janet Taylor, MD, Earnest Wilks, Melissa Dunlap, Greg Vogel, Faculty Representative, Louis Parker, Member Emeritus. A quorum is established.

Members Absent: Tara Sall

Chair Frieson called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM

Guests Attending:

Dr. Janjay Gehndyu, Principal.

Naiema called to order

1) Naiema brought of Field of Dreams discussion and solicited comments.

- Ernest Wilks agreed with discussion from last week, keep things positive
- Melissa Dunlap agreed; keep moving forward
- Dr. Janet and Jeff Meyer agreed as well
- question related to Press interactions, keep positive

2) Discussion of near-term early expenses for FOD:

- \$ 6,400 for permitting
- \$25,000 for concrete slab
- unknown cost for new sign for VMA that is needed

MOTION to spend \$6,400 on permitting - E. Wilks motioned, Maryanne Kline 2nd, passed unanimously

3) Operational funds needed

- Janjay reported we have \$16,095 in ops account and \$318,429 in savings
- Need to get us through the Love Lunch in late October
- therefore we need to move \$60,000 from savings to operations
- Janjay explained the Knapps had unrestricted their \$250,000 gift so that much of the funds coming from savings is not unrestricted
- Earnest acknowledge that 257,000 of the 318,000 in savings is board designated/unrestricted right now, so after moving the \$60k over we will have approximately \$257,000 remaining in savings that is board designated/unrestricted.
- Tara asked how long does \$60K give us - Janjay answered about 6 weeks.

MOTION: to move 60k to operating: 1st: Marilyn Kline, 2nd: Dr. Janet

4) Love Lunch was discussed briefly

- Niaema recognized chair Melissa Morsli for doing a great job and being very motivated, along with her

friends, about the VMA mission

- Naiema reminded board members to get their table reservations/sponsorship completed
- Earnest said he will at least do a table; Naiema thanked him

5) Discussion of 2 positions to be filled: Grant Writer as (contractor) and a Development Director/Community Engagement Director (employee)

6) There being no new business the meeting was adjourned. Naiema reminded folks the next board meeting is Oct 4, and that she will be in town for this meeting.