

Suzuki Association of the Americas
Board of Directors Meeting

Board Members	Staff	Guests
Present: Beth Cantrell, Chair Esther Fellows, Secretary Ellen Kogut, Chair-elect Mary Halverson Waldo MaryLou Roberts Winifred Crock Trina Hodgson Daniel de Lima Kerri Williams Michelle Diggs Bruce Walker	Present: Pam Brasch, Ex officio	

	ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTIONS TAKEN	ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN
1	Call to Order/Attendance (4.8.1), Board Chair's Welcome/Remarks	Chair Beth Cantrell called the meeting to order January 27, 2021, at 1:03 P.M., EST		
2	Approval of Agenda		Michelle moved to approve today's agenda. Winifred seconded. Motion carried.	
3	Approval of Minutes 12/16/20		MaryLou Robert moved to approve the Minutes, Kerri Williams Seconded. Motion carried.	
4	Approval of Minutes	Discussion of where to post the	Winifred Crock moved to	

	1/13/21	Minutes at the end of the month on the “About” page.	approve the minutes. Bruce Walker seconded. Motion carried.	
5	Report on DEIA and communications developments	<p>Michelle, Bruce and Pam discussed DEIA and communications. Communicate to membership that we are in process.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. We have a Memorandum of Understanding with Nwandi Lawson and her company. We have a contract and will meet with her next week. 2. Pam has identified a course, “The Long Talk” and we are in negotiations about and launching the opportunity for people to take this course—piggybacking with a course set up by Atlanta Institute. Three sessions of 1.5 hours each. 3. We have a Memorandum of understanding with Nwandi Lawson— Train the Trainers program. 		We need to have Nwandi Lawson help us with drafting a statement on DEIA
6	<p>Presentation of proposed partnership of SAA with El Sistema</p> <p>Trina Christensen and Pam Brasch</p>	<p>Trina Christensen, Katie Wyatt (El Sistema USA) gave the BoD an El Sistema presentation.</p> <p>Winifred spoke about the project that she has been brainstorming regarding what Suzuki in the Schools has and what El Sistema is looking for. Have been looking at</p>		

		what else teachers need to know. A good assessment helps the children as well as the teacher.		
7	Response to concerned member.	Trina will contact the Audit Committee and discuss it. Ellen would like us to include information that the Board is entrusted with financial responsibility.		
8	Executive Session			
9	Executive Monitoring, 2.6	Discussion of 2.6		
10	Next meetings, Friday, February 12, 2021, 11:30-2:00 P.M. EST, Wednesday, February 24, 2021, 1:00-3:00 P.M., EST			
11	Adjournment	3:01 P.M., EST		

Respectfully submitted,
Esther Fellows
Secretary

When the Board makes revisions to Bylaws and/or policies, the actual revised language should be captured in the minutes, either as part of the motion, or referenced as an Addendum, which is to be recorded with the meeting minutes.