

Suzuki Association of the Americas
Board of Directors Meeting
 March 12, 2021

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

	ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTIONS TAKEN	ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN
1	Call to Order/Attendance (4.8.1)	Chair Beth Cantrell called the meeting to order March 12, 2021. 11:30 A.M., EDT		
2	Approval of Agenda		Ellen Kogut moved to approve the revised agenda. Winifred Crock seconded. Motion carried.	
3	Approval of minutes, 2.24.21		Kerri Williams moved to approve the Minutes. Mary Halverson Waldo seconded. Motion carried.	

4	Revisit process for editing policies and Bylaws		MaryLou Roberts moved that we review Policies 2.0, 3.0, and 4.0 in Teams with substantive remarks for a week. Then it would go to the Governance Committee for review to bring to the next meeting. Bruce Walker seconded. Motion carried.	
5	Report on progress El Sistema, SECE repertoire progress, with Nwandi Lawson from ED, Michelle Diggs, and Bruce Walker	<p>Executive Director Updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Pam Brasch, E.D., and Winifred Crock have been discussing the possibilities of a collaborative project with El Sistema. -Pam Brasch asked for a response from Board members to the training, “A Long Talk” which finished March 7, 2021. -The Subcommittee (Sharon Jones and Lynn McCall) working on SECE revisions to eliminate inappropriate repertoire and update language has completed their work and will provide a “bridge” course to those who have already begun SECE training. -ED met with Alfred to discuss upcoming projects. They are interested in supporting our DEIA initiatives in various ways, 	Consensus Statement: The Board expresses its support and gratitude to Pam Brasch, CEO for the work she has done on DEI, El Sistema, repertoire updating of SECE and her work with Alfred Publishing.	

		<p>including the efforts to make available more diverse, level-specific supplementary materials for Suzuki teachers.</p> <p>-Our DEIA ad hoc committee (Pam Brasch, MaryLou Roberts, Bruce Walker, and Michelle Diggs) is brainstorming with consultant Nwandi Lawson ways to move forward with our coaching and social media projects.</p>		
	Discussion of response to a group of Teacher Trainers	Discussion of response to a group of Teacher Trainers	<p>1. Bruce Walker moved to meet with the group. Kerri Williams seconded.</p> <p>Motion carried.</p> <p>We agreed to meet and under what conditions we were able to meet.</p>	
6	Anticipating that we as a Board can address 3 of the group's concerns ahead of time	<p>Communication plan:</p> <p>1. DEIA action report to go out by March 19</p> <p>2. Survey Results to go out by March 26 (April 2?) MaryLou Roberts suggested that we have survey results put out in sections. Pam suggested putting out the summary that Bill and Tom gave us. MaryLou, Elen and Beth will work on that.</p>	<p>1. Ellen Kogut moved that we share on website and the Board Newsletter the maximum amount of information regarding our progress on DEIA. Michelle Diggs seconded. Motion carried.</p>	

		3. Wordsmithing on communication to take place after meeting		
7	Adjourn	Meeting adjourned at 1:57 P.M., EST.		

Respectfully submitted,
Esther Fellows
Secretary

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 Board of Directors Meeting
 March 24, 2021

Board Members	Staff	Guests
<p>Present: Beth Cantrell, Chair Esther Fellows, Secretary Winifred Crock Trina Hodgson MaryLou Roberts Bruce Walker Daniel De Lima Ellen Kogut, Chair-elect Kerri Williams Mary Halverson Waldo Michelle Diggs</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Absent: 0</p>	<p>Present: Pam Brasch, CEO, ex officio</p>	

	ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTIONS TAKEN	ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN
1	Call to Order/Attendance (4.8.1)	The meeting was called to order at 12:05 P.M. EDT on March 24, 2021 by Chair Beth Cantrell.		
2	Approval of Agenda (4.5)		Ellen Kogut moved to approve. Daniel de Lima seconded. Motion carried.	
3	Approval of Minutes 3.12.21	Amended through discussion	Michelle Diggs moved to approve the Minutes. Winifred Crock seconded. Motion carried.	
4	Consensus Statement	We commend Pam Brasch, Michelle Diggs, Kerri Williams, Bruce Walker, and		

		Winifred Crock for swift posting of the support statement in response to recent violence in the US, along with news updates.		
5	CEO Monitoring Reports 2.1, 2.2		Esther Fellows moved that we defer reading and reviewing until April 14 meeting. MaryLou Roberts seconded. Motion carried.	
6	Meeting with the group of Trainers	Survey pie charts will be posted by Friday.		
7	Communications	Discussion RE communication with membership.	MaryLou Roberts moved that the Board form an ongoing Park Bench program to include all Board members and will be available to all SAA members. Bruce Walker seconded. Motion carried.	
8	Final Approval of Proposed Revision for Policies 2.0, 3.0, 4.0	Discussion of process.	Kerri Williams moved that we create an ad hoc Volunteer Committee Tasked with a. Identifying Issues and Talking Points for Board Discussion/Decision b. Revising and Formatting Policies according to the decisions Winifred seconded	Esther Fellows, Trina Hodgson, MaryLou Roberts , Winifred Crock, Kerri Williams volunteered for the committee.

			Motion carried	
9	Meeting adjourned at 3:00 P.M. EDT			

Respectfully submitted,
 Esther Fellows
 Secretary

Edited and Approved by Board 6/9/2021
 Respectfully revised by
 Trina Carey Hodgson, Secretary

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