

**Capitol High Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, May 10, 2023 at
Baton Rouge General Medical Center (BRG) – Mid City**

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 pm by Chairman, Edgardo Tenreiro.

Advisory Members present: Josie Butler, Paul Douglas, Lillie Flores, Tommy Gipson, Carrie Griffin Monica, Jack Harrell, Crystal Haynes, Symil LeDoux, Courtney Pitts, Theresa Porter, Monique Scott Spaulding, and Edgardo Tenreiro.

Committee present: Christal Aguillard, Arcelius Brickhouse, Brandon Fontenot, Jamar Jackson, Kelly Lopez, Gwynn Shamlin, Nishawn Stovall, and Rosalind Wright.

1. Voting Items:

- a. Minutes: Minutes of the April 24, 2023 meeting, which were distributed for review prior to the meeting, were unanimously approved.
- b. Additional Members: The matter of adding additional Advisory Committee members was discussed. Upon a motion by Mr. Douglas, seconded by Mr. Harrell, recommendation was made to elect Bishop Raymond Johnson to the advisory committee. A vote of advisory committee members was taken and resulted in a tie; therefore, motion was not carried.

2. Information and Discussion:

- a. Building Subcommittee: Mr. Tenreiro stated his desire to form a subcommittee composed of Advisory Committee members and external members as appropriate based on needed expertise. Following discussion, Mr. Tenreiro appointed the following members to the subcommittee: Mr. Tommie Gipson (to serve as Chairman of the Subcommittee), Ms. Carrie Griffin Monica, Ms. Monique Scott Spaulding, and Dr. Lillie Flores. External members from the housing authority or others with needed expertise may be appointed by the Subcommittee.
- b. Transition Committee: Dr. Nishawn Stovall stated that an academic walkthrough, in which building usage will be identified, is scheduled for May 15. A meet and greet for the current students and new principal, Mr. Brandon Fontenot, has also been scheduled for May 15. She stated that registration is open and notifications have been distributed through direct student communications and posters hanging throughout the school as well as posted on the website and on social media. She noted that parents must act to re-enroll any current Capitol students.

She then stated that a block party has been scheduled at the school in June for parents and students not currently enrolled at the school. Ms. Porter confirmed that Capitol Focus Choice pathways will be marketed to students in the same manner Park Focus Choice school was marketed. Mr. Tenreiro asked that staff work with Ms. Symil Ledoux to request any assistance needed from Baton Rouge General to market the block party event.

- c. Reimagine Grant: Ms. Rosalyn Wright, project coordinator, stated the purpose of the Reimagine Grant is to allow for systemic change to improve access to high-quality schools for

students and families. She stated that the grant is intended to fund the creation of innovative opportunities and sustainable excellence to meet the community's needs. She explained that spending of grant funds is restricted and may not be used for building improvements. She then noted that this provides for one year of funding and all funds must be spent prior to a set deadline.

- d. Pathways Overview: Ms. Flores provided an overview of the Focus Choice Pathways established and the spectrum of opportunities that will be available to students at Capitol High.
- The Focus Choice courses will be aligned to coursework beginning at Park and intentionally structured to prepare students for potentially enrolling in BRG's programs after high school.
 - The medical pathway will focus specifically on five areas of medicine as established by BRG and Focus Choice: nursing, Lab Tech, Radiology Tech, Surgery Tech and Pharmacy tech.
 - Each pathway was selected intentionally because of varying entrance and exit points on the pathway. All pathways have varying levels of degrees, certifications, and options to account for student interest and ability
- e. General Updates:
- A list of needs will be compiled next week, and work to determine funding will begin.
 - Applications for Assistant Principal are being reviewed, and Mr. Fontenot hopes to hire for this position soon.
 - An ad has been posted for the position of football coach/teacher. Applications are being reviewed, and Mr. Fontenot is expecting to narrow in on final candidates soon.
 - Ms. Kelly Lopez, EBR School Board Chief Financial Officer, stated that the 2023-2024 budgets are still being finalized. She emphasized that the budget for Capitol High School is being handled in the same manner as all other district schools.

- 3. Organizational Items:** Mr. Tenreiro announced that the next meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 14, 2023 at 3pm.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:35 pm.