

Board of Director Meeting Minutes

April 15, 2020 – via conference call



I. Welcome

Chris Sears called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m. C. Sears welcomed Lisa Olens to the board.

Attendees: Chris Sears, Lauren Holcomb, Bonnie Holliday, Shyam Kumar, Jonathan Tugman, Katie Schermerhorn, Lisa Olens, Michele Neely

II. SCSF Response to COVID-19

- a. C. Sears reminded the board that the SCSF was awarded a \$200,000 grant from the Greater Atlanta COVID-19 Response Fund, a partnership between the United Way for Greater Atlanta and the Community Foundation of Greater Atlanta. He asked M. Neely to discuss the SCSF's newly-established grant and applications received from schools. M. Neely indicated that the SCSF COVID-19 Relief Fund currently had \$204,000 available to grant to schools (\$200,000 restricted to Greater Atlanta). M. Neely directed the board to the summary document and indicated that schools were given the opportunity to apply for one or more of the following three priorities: electronic devices for low-income students, Internet access for low-income students, and remote tutoring for academically at-risk students. Recommendations were made to fully fund requests for electronic devices and Internet access and then award up to \$11,500 for tutoring, with a lower amount for schools who requested less and/or received funds in another category. It was recommended that the \$4,000 available for schools outside of Greater Atlanta be awarded for Internet access in rural communities.
- b. M. Neely recommended grant awards totaling \$194,000, reserving \$10,000 for future school needs. C. Sears asked for a motion to approve the grant recommendations as presented. B. Holliday moved to approve the recommendations. J. Tugman seconded the motion. **The Board approved grants to schools from the SCSF COVID-19 Relief Fund totaling \$194,000 unanimously.**

III. Adjournment

C. Sears adjourned the meeting at 2:33 p.m.