

Henderson Inclusion School
Governance Board Meeting - Update on Henderson Head of School Search
August 17, 2023

The Meeting was called to order by Pauline Lugira White at **5:02 PM**

Attendance:

Governance Board (GB)

Parents: Jess Butler (K0-1st), Michelle Carmell (6-8), Courtney Feely Karp (2-5)

Community Partners: Eva Clarke

Teachers: Brett Nadan-Buresh (9-12), Mary O'Brien (2-5), Allison Mulkerins (K0-1)

Screening Committee (SC) Members: Keyona Aviles (parent), Christina Ogunti (BTU), Manny Pierre (BTU), Amanda Savage (BTU), Qanna Spencer (BTU), MaryFrancis McAuliffe (administrator)

District: Drew Echelon (Chief of Schools), Pauline Lugira (Superintendent of Autonomous Schools)

Absent: Vilma Silva (GB community member), Bamari Davis rep (GB student), Danielle Tierney (GB parent), Kim Willingham (SC community member), Teresa Maynard (SC parent), Qanna Spencer (SC BTU), Kathleen Powers (SC BTU), Nicole Daley (GB community member), Stephanie Okwudi (GB BTU), Nisha Subramanian (SC parent), Phyllis Leslie (SC community member), Bethany Moffi (SC parent)

Update on Head of School Search ([Slide deck](#))

Drew Echelon gave the Governance Board and Head of School Screening Committee the update.

First, Drew summarized the last meeting for the community. (Slide 3) He went on to explain how the district will support going forward. (Slide 4)

The Interim Head of School for the upcoming school year is Mweusi Willingham. He is a long time BPS leader who has a connection to our community, his children graduated from the O'Hearn/Henderson School years ago. His bio can be found in slide 5.

We will also be supported by two other district leaders that bring expertise in inclusion and the arts. Julia Bott (slide 6) and Dr. Anne Clarke (slide 7) will be consistent presences on campus. Finally, Dr. Henderson (slide 8) has agreed to work with the leadership team on long-range planning for the school.

A letter will be sent out to families on 8.18.23 detailing the leadership and district support for the upcoming school year. Drew conveyed the leadership team has worked very hard during the August Leadership Institute during this week and is committed to starting the year strong.

Next steps for our work are detailed in slides 11 and 12.