



TJ PTSA EB Meeting Minutes

July 2, 2021 at 6pm - 8:30pm

Attendees: President Bonnie Qin, President-Elect Harry Jackson, First Vice President Li Yang, Second Vice President Jun Wang, Treasurer Himanshu Verma, Secretary Laura Marschoun, Corresponding Secretary Hanning Chen, and a Professional Parliamentarian Mr. Steven Berke.

Location: Reston Regional Library Meeting Room 2

A quorum was determined to be present and Bonnie called the meeting to order.

Harry moved to have the meeting being recorded by whoever wants to record it. Himanshu moved to amend the motion to agree to NOT releasing the audio recording without expressed votes from the Board in later times. After a short discussion, Harry called the question. Motion passed. Harry, Hanning, Jun and Himanshu voted in favor, Bonnie and Laura voted against, Li abstained.

Bonnie moved to do secret paper ballots for any substantive motions in this meeting. After a short discussion, a vote is taken. Motion failed. Bonnie and Laura voted in favor, Harry, Hanning, Himanshu and Jun voted against, and Li abstained.

Harry moved to amend the agenda to say that whatever version of the response letter is voted upon will be the only version sent to the VAPTA. Mr Berke opined that it is not a proper agenda item. Harry withdrew the motion.

Jun asked if the discussion regarding the response letter (the way it was worded in the agenda) means that there will be no discussion on his version of the response letter. It was answered that the 'Discussion of proposed remediation plans' means that all versions of the draft will be on the table.

Harry moved to amend the agenda to NOT discuss the intent letter item-by-item.
After a short discussion, he withdrew the motion.

Hanning moved to add into the agenda an item to discuss the special general meeting called for Monday July 5, 2021 at 6 pm.

He moved to add to an agenda item to discuss whether to have a statement in response to the call of the special membership meeting on Monday July 5, 2021.

Motion passed.

Harry, Hanning, Himanshu and Jun voted in favor, Bonnie, Li and Laura voted against.

Hanning moved to add an agenda item (after 'Set a date and time for next meeting') to discuss calling special general membership meeting,

Motion passed unanimously,

Board unanimously approved the amended agenda (attached)

Board unanimously approved to retain Mr Steven Berke for his service for this meeting.

Hanning had prepared a written statement and Laura read the statement (see attached)
Discussion on how to interpret the bylaws regarding the specific number of days' notice required (RONR 9:4).

After the discussion, it was concluded that the special general meeting notice (Jun 28, 2021) fulfilled the RONR 9:4.

Harry moved to ask the President to recall the special general membership meeting scheduled for July 5, 2021. Harry reasoned that there is no reason for the general member meeting as the response letter will be voted on at the conclusion of this meeting and sent the following day.

Bonnie argued that at the very least this meeting could be an informational meeting.

Harry reiterated that there is no need to have special general meetings as he argued that this special general membership meeting will be a 'struggle session'.

Li, Himanshu and others were able to see some merit in having this Monday special general membership meeting. Harry challenged them by asking, quote, 'do you really think this is a good idea to have a meeting on Monday?'

Harry called the question to end the debate.

Unanimous votes to end the debate.

Harry reiterated his motion to ask the President that the special membership meeting be cancelled.

Motion passed.

Harry, Hanning, Himanshu and Jun voted in favor, Bonnie, Li and Laura voted against.

Mr Berke opined that since the President called the meeting, the President is the only one who can cancel the meeting and the President can choose to ignore the motion just passed.

The meeting moved to discuss the three drafts of the response letters prepared so far. Harry, Jun and Bonnie had prepared drafts of the response letters.

Li suggested that we work our response letter by following the format and the flow of the intent letter.

Jun suggested having discussion item-by-item of all three response letters.

Harry objected to having any discussion. He wanted to directly have a vote on whose draft will be the official response letter by this EB to the VAPTA.

All the other members sided with Jun.

Discussion item by item ensued and several modifications were considered; however, no general consensus could be reached.

During the discussion of the three drafts of the response letter, all elected officers signed the VAPTA Conflict of Interest Agreement which will be sent with the response letter to the VA PTA.

Harry moved to vote which draft (as is) will be sent to the VAPTA as the response letter from this EB.

Li suggested incorporating the modification and clarification discussed during the meeting.

Himanshu and Jun agreed with Li's suggestion but Harry objected to the suggestion.

Bonnie moved to appoint Himanshu to incorporate the changes and send the response letter to the VAPTA.

Motion failed.

Bonnie, Li and Laura voted in favor. Harry, Himanshu, Hanning and Jun voted against.

Harry moved to have his version of the draft letter as is (after adding the letterhead) to the VAPTA.

Motion passed.

Harry, Himanshu, Hanning and Jun voted in favor. Bonnie, Li and Laura voted against.

Bonnie adjourned the meeting at 8:25 pm.

Minutes prepared by Laura Marshoun, Secretary

Approved as Presented or Amended _____ on Date August 3, 2021

Attachment:

TJ PTSA EB Meeting Agenda

July 2, 2021 at 6pm - 8pm

Attendees:

Location: Reston Regional Library Meeting Room 2

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| 6:00 pm | Call to order: Bonnie Qin, TJPTSA President |
| 6:05 pm | Approval of this Agenda |
| 6:10 pm | Motion to retain Mr. Berke as the parliamentarian for today's meeting |
| Amended item | Discussion regarding the Special General Membership meeting (July 5) |
| 6:15 pm | Discussion of the VA PTA Intent Letter dated June 23, 2021 item-by-item and the proposed remediation plans item-by-item (led by Bonnie) <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Bonnie will provide a draft response before the meeting○ Discussion of proposed remediation plans<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Signing of the VA PTA Conflict of Interest Agreement (Bonnie emailed it to all EC members at 11:53 AM on Wednesday, June 30, 2021)○ Discussion of the draft Standing Rules○ Discussion of additional remediation plans specific to each allegation |
| 7:55 pm | Set a date and time for next meeting |
| 8:00 pm | Adjourn the meeting |

Attachment:

Hanning Chen's statement:

Dear TJPTSA Members,

TJPTSA President Bonnie Qin sent an email to TJPTSA members at 11:55 pm on June 28, 2021, announcing a "special general membership meeting" to be held on July 5, 2021.

On July 2, 2021, Steven Berke, a professional parliamentarian invited by Ms Qin to advise TJPTSA Executive Committee, informed the officers that Ms Qin's call for meeting failed to meet the seven-day advance notice as required by the TJPTSA bylaws.

The Executive Board hereby declares that there is no special general membership meeting to be held on July 5, 2021.

Ms Qin did not consult with six other Executive Board members before she called for the special general membership meeting. The EB did not approve her statement dated June 28, 2021.

Given the newly elected EB's commitment to following the TJPTSA bylaws, the EB calls for a general membership meeting to be held at 25:00 pm on July 100th, 2021.

Executive Board

TJPTSA