

Minutes

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224.23 CONSENT AGENDA

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- a. Regular Meeting Minutes – January 23, 2023

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Joyce Morrison
Lynda Napier
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Tajuan Tait

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Erika Ivey
Jamie Koch
Dhamahi Scales
Nader Bader
Kaylee Bradley
Veronica Bonner
James Bryant
Alicia Donahee
Hanna Eickholdt
Noha Eladly
Alisha Gregory
Cera Koch
Jayson Macek
Ashley McKenzie
Tye Moore
Joyce Morrison
Sandra Nichols-Felan
Sarah Niemic
Katherine Pruden
Amber Rains
Mirela Rife
Heather Robinson
Edith Schorsch
Ena Schwartz
Margaret Smith
Jamiya Stone
Madison Tenant
Kassandra Yates
Carol Alexander
Ashley Bersano
Jacob Brozek
Rhonda Chavis
Joseph Copland, Jr.
Rachel Davis
Savannah Dobreff
Lisa Gilbert
Alexandra Grim
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ROLL CALL VOTE

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NAYS:	0
ABSTAIN:	0
ABSENT:	0

MOTION PASSED

225.23 BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT – Cox

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226.23 REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF BUSINESS SERVICE & FINANCE – Cleaves

I. Recommendation to Purchase Avanan Harmony Anti-Phishing Protection Licensing

Resolved, that the board approve Business Service & Finance Item I. as presented. Motion by M. Hines support by K. May.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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MOTION PASSED

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