

NOVAworks Foundation
Special Meeting of the Board of Directors
May 10, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Meeting was held remotely via videoconference.

Present: Carl Cimino, Dennis Cima, Frank Benest, Jen Morrill

Secretary/Treasurer: Marlina Sessions

NOVA Staff: Luther Jackson

1. The meeting was called to order at 2:33 p.m. by president, Mr. Cimino.
2. It was moved by Mr. Benest, seconded by Mr. Cima and carried by voice vote that the agenda be adopted as submitted.
3. It was moved by Mr. Benest, seconded by Mr. Cima, and carried by voice vote that the minutes of the meeting of September 20, 2021, be approved as submitted.
4. It was moved by Mr. Benest, seconded by Ms. Morrill and carried by voice vote that the Board of Directors approve the Foundation Financial Statement (through April 30, 2022).
5. The Board of Directors discussed personnel updates including Mr. Cimino's decision to remain as president of the Foundation board despite his retirement from the Pipe Trades Training Center. Ms. Sessions said she is seeking new members for the Foundation board.
6. Ms. Sessions discussed the James Irvine grant (\$575,000) to support the Foundation's engagement in a national initiative to explore career mobility opportunities for hospitality workers.
7. Ms. Sessions discussed the Foundation's receipt of a \$250,000 Google grant. Mr. Benest asked for a staff report regarding specific plans for the grant at the board's next meeting.
8. Ms. Sessions briefed the board regarding the potential for a \$250,000 grant from the County of Santa Clara to scale the "whole person" pilot that NOVAworks has deployed in San Mateo County.
9. In a discussion of the Foundation's ongoing partnership with LinkedIn, Mr. Benest encouraged the Foundation and NOVAworks to contact other tech companies with the goal of scaling the LinkedIn model.
10. Ms. Sessions reviewed the Foundation's development strategy and her vision for the Foundation to leverage NOVAworks' status as a "petri dish for innovation" and become a "think and do tank." Mr. Benest said he viewed the vision as viable but wanted to ensure that the Foundation continued to have an impact on people's lives.
11. The meeting was adjourned at 3:18 pm.