



**Centers for Applied Science & Technology
Board of Trustees
Meeting Minutes Monday
November 30, 2020 2:30
p.m.-4 p.m.**

Via Zoom

Board members present:

Kate Rogers
Shari Albright
Dr. Lyssa Ochoa (in and out)
Lisa Lewis
Absent: David Heard

Staff members present:

Jeanne Russell
Carol Mendenhall
Charles Clines
Heriberto "Eddie" Rodriguez

Student Voice: CAST Schools student advisory (all 5 campuses)

Jeanne called the meeting to order at 2:35. Five students from the CAST Schools student advisory talked about what they're excited about. The Speak Up, Speak Out and Youth Rally planned for Jan. 19-20 was explained and discussed, including their roles as leaders and designers of the events, workshops, and speakers, and the partnership with the DoSeum for the art exhibit. The Civics Fair will be virtual this year for the first time due to COVID-19. Ms. Benavides volunteered to help with the art projects that will be featured at the event.

ITEMS RELATED TO SAISD

- Jeanne asked the board to approve sharing our audit, as well as our board demographics with Guidestar, in order to improve our transparency rating. Lisa Lewis made the motion and Shari Albright seconded it. Motion passed; no objections.

- Motion to approve board minutes from October: Yvette Benavides made the motion and Kate Rogers seconded it. Motion passed; no objections.

Celebrations

- Grants received from Annie E. Casey Foundation, from USAA for Communities in Schools (for CAST STEM & CAST Med), the Outdoor Classroom grant for CAST TECH and ALA from the San Antonio River Authority, and local government and philanthropic funding for the Community Labs testing program for our schools.

Action Items/Adjourn:

- Jeanne asked the board to make a donation to CAST by the end of the year, consider being a celebrity judge for SUSO, and to find one funder for the Youth Rally.
- The Board was then adjourned at 3:45 p.m.