
MINUTES

Common Ground Food Co-op

Board Meeting

6:15pm-8:15pm Central Time

October 14, 2024

Call to Order

R. Taylor called the meeting to order at 6:18pm.

Wang, Barnes, Cronin Montgomery, Muller, Leon were the voting members in attendance in person. G. Taylor was in attendance as an ex officio guest of the Board.

R. Taylor, Darcy, Coleman, and Parson joined the meeting virtually.

Guests/Owners

Todd Wallace from Columinate was in attendance.

Public Comment

There were none.

Agenda Amendments

There were none.

New Board Year

Welcome New Directors - R. Taylor

R. Taylor welcomed the new Board.

Officer Elections - R. Taylor

Montgomery and Wallace reviewed the slate of candidates for officer positions.

Motion. Leon moved and Wang seconded the motion to approve the slate of officers:
President: Montgomery; Vice President: Parson; Secretary: Coleman; Treasurer: Muller. Motion approved.

President: Morgan Montgomery

Vice President: Mickey Parson

Secretary: Chike Coleman

Treasurer: Andrew Muller

Motion. Cronin moved and Wang seconded the motion to approve the transition of the Board officers. Motion approved.

Approve 2025 Board Calendar

Motion. Muller moved and Barnes seconded the motion to approve the calendar as amended on the Board postings, noting that this is a preliminary calendar that can change throughout the year. Motion approved with one abstention.

Board Retreat Planning

Action. Montgomery to send out a new Calendly poll for final availability for the November 23 and December 7 dates.

Committee Assignments

These will be discussed further at the Board retreat.

Conflict of Interest and W9s

Montgomery, Wang, Muller, and G. Taylor reviewed the need for the W9 and conflict of interest submissions.

Action. Board members to send W9s to Bonnie Taylor and submit COIs on the Google Drive as soon as possible.

Action. Parson to create and send out Google Drive location for COIs.

Approve Consent Agenda

Motion. Muller moved and Barnes seconded the motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion approved with three abstentions.

Columinate Contract

Montgomery presented the Columinate contract for 2025.

Motion. Montgomery moved and Wang seconded the motion to approve the 2025 Columinate contract at \$7950.00. Motion approved.

Action. Montgomery to work with Columinate to get the 2025 contract in place.

Monthly Operations Report and Financials

Overview

G. Taylor gave the Board an overview of the financials that were posted to the Board documents.

Internal Monitoring and Board Admin

Muller reviewed the internal monitoring and Board admin process and its place in each Board meeting.

Code of Conduct C5

Muller reviewed the Code of Conduct.

Motion. Cronin moved and Wang seconded the motion to amend item 7B to correct the “institutions” typo without a full review. Motion approved with one abstention.

Action. Muller to amend item 2a to change “inside” to something more appropriate and also capitalize the sentence.

Governing Style C1

Muller reviewed the Governing Style document.

Event Scheduling

Leon stated that the CGFC 50th Anniversary was held over Yom Kippur. Date selection for events was discussed.

Action. Sensitivity and inclusion must be of the utmost importance when scheduling CGFC owner events.

Action. G. Taylor to add religious holidays to the store calendar.

Committee Updates

Engagement

Muller reported on the committee initiatives throughout the year.

Board Development

Parson reported on the upcoming Columinate classes, including the financials pieces.

Executive Session

Motion. Muller moved and Barnes seconded the motion to enter Executive Session. Motion approved.