

**SEVANANDA NATURAL FOOD REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**Tuesday, January 18th, 2022**

Board Members Present: Wanique Shabazz, Melissa Fortune, Staton Winston, Jerilyn Bell, Jessica McMorris and Jasmine Simone

Board Member Absent: None.

Non-Board: Cheranna Dottin (Board Admin), Ahzjah Simons (Cooperative Director/ General Manager)

BUSINESS: Board President Wanique Shabazz called meeting to order at 6:57pm. Quorum was met.

*Wanique volunteers to be the cue taker and Jasmine Simone volunteers to be the timekeeper.*

Approving the Agenda

The Board uses the allotted time reviewing the January 2022 agenda adjusting where necessary.

Jessica McMorris motions to approve the January 2022 Board meeting agenda as submitted with changes.

2nd: Jasmine Simone

Votes Taken:

Jessica McMorris: Yes.

Jerilyn Bell: Yes.

Wanique Shabazz-Yes

Jasmine Simone-Yes

Melissa Fortune-Yes

Staton Winston-Yes

*-Motion Carried.*

**Approval of the Minutes**

Item Tabled.

**GM Monitoring Report**

For the month of January 2022, the policy being monitored by our GM is as follows.

**Policy III-11 General Executive Constraint**

*“The GM shall not cause or allow any practice, activity, decision, or organizational circumstance, which is unlawful, imprudent, contrary to explicit bylaw, in violation of commonly accepted business and professional ethics or generally accepted accounting and cooperative principles.”*

The GM submitted this report via email in advanced. She proceeds to present her reports to the Board reporting this policy as *“Expectations Met”.*

Jessica McMorris motions to approve the January 2022 GM Monitoring Report.

2nd: Melissa Fortune.

Votes Taken:

Jessica McMorris: Yes.

Jerilyn Bell: Yes.

Wanique Shabazz-Yes

Jasmine Simone-Yes

Melissa Fortune-Yes

Staton Winston-Yes

*-Motion Carried.*

**Old Business**

No Items to Report On.

***New Business***

No Items to Report On.

**Committee Chair Reports**

**Election Committee Report**

Update by Elections Committee Member, Staton Winston.

The Board has been working through a lot. Staton’s goal is to start the election process in February 2022 and for it to conclude by April 2022. The committee has all the information they need to sufficiently navigate through the elections process. Once a timeline is finalized, it will be announced to the member owners.

Jessica McMorris motions to approve the elections committee report as submitted.

2nd: Melissa Fortune.

Votes Taken:

Jessica McMorris: Yes.

Jerilyn Bell: Yes.

Wanique Shabazz-Yes

Jasmine Simone-Yes

Melissa Fortune-Yes

Staton Winston-Yes

*-Motion Carried.*

**Treasurer Report**

Report by Board Treasurer, Jessica McMorris.

The annual Board budget was due in December 2021. This budget feeds into the overall operations budget must be approved by the Board submitted by the General Manager. The GM asked for some time to meet with the NCG to gain some traction on the plan that would be created with them prior to meeting with Jessica. She is awaiting to hear from GM and will follow up with her now that it has been reported to the board that some traction is being made. She anticipates having the final draft ready to present to the Board for approval in the February 15, 2022, Board meeting which will be the same time she does the Quarter 4 report.

Jasmine Simone motions to approve the Treasurer report for January 2022 as submitted.

2nd: Staton Winston.

Votes Taken:

Jessica McMorris: Yes.

Jerilyn Bell: Yes.

Wanique Shabazz-Yes

Jasmine Simone-Yes

Melissa Fortune-Yes

Staton Winston-Yes

*-Motion Carried.*

**Board Self-Assessment**

For the month of January 2022, the Board Self-Assessment is based on Policy II-1 Policy Title: Global Governance Commitment.  
*“ The purpose of the board, on behalf of Sevananda’s members is to ensure the success of Sevananda by working together effectively, empowering and holding accountable professional management, providing strategic leadership and perpetuating our democratic organization.”*

The Board acknowledges this policy as *“In Compliance”.*

Jerilyn Bell motions to accept the January 2021 Board Self-Assessment.

2nd: Staton Winston

Votes Taken:

Jessica McMorris: Yes.

Jerilyn Bell: Yes.

Wanique Shabazz-Yes

Jasmine Simone-Yes

Melissa Fortune-Yes

Staton Winston-Yes

*-Motion Carried.*

Jerilyn Bell motions to adjourn the January 2022 Board meeting.

2nd: Jessica McMorris.

Votes Taken:

Jessica McMorris: Yes.

Jerilyn Bell: Yes.

Wanique Shabazz-Yes

Jasmine Simone-Yes

Melissa Fortune-Yes

Staton Winston-Yes

*-Motion Carried.*

Meeting adjourned at 8:06PM

**SEVANANDA NATURAL FOOD**

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING NOTES**

**Tuesday, January 18th, 2022**

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Board Member Absent: None.

Non-Board: Cheranna Dottin (Board Admin), Ahzjah Simons (Cooperative Director/ General Manager)

*Physical copies of each item listed in notes can be provided upon request.*

**Member Owners Present:**

Maria Sangria, A “Chi Ma’at” Dilworth, Zimanei Faye,Kathleen Dean, Dr Mumbi Toye, Lucielle LaVoulle, Charlie Colpitts, Bridgette Shields, Kim Purefoy, Adrienne AC Price, Ginette Gregory and Donna Roberts.

**Member Owner Comment**

**Maria Sangria** is grateful for the weekly Eblast. Jeffrey and Garland who were in the Eblast who will be assisting Sevananda on support, what are their recommendations on preventing the store from closing? When is the election process to begin for this year?

Response from Board:

There was a statement received by Garland, it is not yet public record. Once the Board meets with Garland the statement and recommendation will be made public. As far as the elections, the Board is working on stabilizing as well as creating the election process.

**Dr Mumbi** questioned what the anticipation is, and timeline for when the Board will make the statement from the NCG public record. She also wanted to know what the current status of the general manager was.

Response from Board:

Ahzjah Simons is still the general manager of Sevananda until the Board reviews the recommendations from Garland McQueen.

**GM Monitoring Report**

Policy III-1 Policy Title: General Executive Constraint.

**GM Monitoring Report**

Policy II-1 Policy Title: Global Governance Commitment.