

## Better Together Board Meeting: Agenda

Friday, December 8, 2023 - 12 pm - 1 pm  
School of Social Work, Room 201 / Zoom

### **Purpose: update on hiring process for Associate Director and working committees**

1. Approval of minutes for last board meeting 10/27/23: [minutes approved](#)
2. Associate Director Position
  - a. 5 interviews set up for 12/15
  - b. Motion to cover snacks and lunch for interview committee: [motion approved, expected expenses to be around \\$100](#)
3. Nacogdoches ISD Emotional Support Animal
  - a. Jillian Turner at Raguet: [District has not given approval yet. Jordan expressed interest in gathering data to support this request. Anna will connect Jordan with contacts at the therapy dog group out of Tyler that services hospitals and The Hospice of East Texas. Andrew posted in TEAMS chat about another resource. Perhaps if a dog for the district is not approved, a chapter of one of these groups could be started in this area.](#)
4. Buddy Bench Project
  - a. Update from Tracie: [plans are coming along for the first bench project at Woden ISD. Monday February 5 will be the reveal date. Board approved additional funds for a second bench if needed for the Pre-K playground. School thinks they can maybe make a second bench and stay in budget. Board approved purchase of additional books per school's request. Tracie will do a press release.](#)
5. Mental Health Crisis Committee
  - a. Still working on getting meeting with Sherriff: [Jordan requested that Danielle Lewis \(Law Enforcement Liason for Burke\) be included in this meeting. Anna will add her to the virtual meeting invite.](#)
6. Next board meeting January 26, 2024
7. [Gateway To Your Future Event will be January 10 and 11. Erin said the planning group is looking at how to handle the event in the future, ways to gather community and financial support. Probably will not be handled through the Chamber next year. Will be held at the Expo Center this time. Volunteers are needed.](#)
8. [Jordan shared that Burke has received a Childhood Trauma Grant. YCOT \(Youth Crisis Outreach Team\) will be starting soon.](#)
9. [Mario reminded group about doing a revisioning workshop to help us focus priorities. Board to discuss timing this with bringing on new board members and Associate Director.](#)