



Namaste Charter School Board Meeting

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Monday, July 10th, 2023, 6:00 PM
3737 S Paulina
Chicago IL 60609

Present Board Members: Maricela Herrera, Michel Mahaffey, Jim O'Toole,

Absent Board Members: No one.

Present Via Phone: Jim Scott, Allison Slade

Guests: Rocio Tovar, Sarah Urban, Fabian Garcia, Dalia Toledo, Byron Toledo

Agenda

I) Opening Items

Jim O' Toole

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Approve Minutes
 1. May 16, 2023, and June 20, 2023 - Approval of minutes

Mr. O'Toole called the meeting to order at 6:01pm. Mr. O'Toole moved to approve the minutes from May 16, 2023, and June 20, 2023, with two changes to the minutes. Ms. Mahaffey seconded the motion.

All in favor: 5; Opposed: 0 Abstain: 0

II) Public Comment/Welcome Guests (20 minutes)

Maricela Herrera

Ms. Herrera welcomed guests. There was one public comment.

III) State of School

Rocio Tovar

Ms. Tovar provided state of the school report on staffing and hiring, current open positions: 1 classroom position, 2 physical education positions, middle school head of school. Ms. Tovar reported the continued challenges of finding teachers who are licensed and endorsed to teach in their assigned area.

Ms. Urban gave a report on the charter renewal, the SPED portion is completed, and EL portion is close to completion, met with I & I for preliminary findings and attended I & I meetings with other charter leaders to read each other's application and provide feedback this month.

It was agreed that Mr. Scott would request an extension with CPS for charter renewal.



IV) Finance – Review and approval of 23/24 budget
Mahaffey

Jim Scott/Michel

Mr. Scott informed that there have been no bargaining sessions with CTU since the last meeting on June 20. Provided an overview of the areas that need continued discussions with regards to negotiations.

Mr. Scott provided a report on the steady decline in enrollment over the years and the last state/CPS revenue as a result of low enrollment.

**V) Closed Session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1),
5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2), 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(7)**

Jim O'Toole

1. Vote to go into close session.
2. Vote to exit close session.

Mr. O' Toole moved to go into closed session at 7:01 PM pursuant to **5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1), 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2), 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(7)** Michel Mahaffey seconded the motion.

All in favor: 5; Opposed: 0; Abstain: 0

VI) Vote On Matters Discussed in Closed Session

Jim O'Toole

Dr. Slade proposed to approve 2024 budget net percentage and all revenue. Michel Mahaffey seconded the motion.

All in favor :5; Opposed:0; Abstain: 0

VII) Closing Items – Adjourn Meeting

Jim O'Toole

Mr. O'Toole to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 pm Michel Mahaffey seconded the motion.

All in Favor: 5; Opposed: 0; Abstain: 0