



## Namaste Charter School Board Meeting

Tuesday, November 14, 2023, 6:00 PM

3737 S. Paulina  
Chicago, IL 60609

**Present Board Members:** Maricela Herrera, Michel Mahaffey, Jim O'Toole, Jim Scott, Allison Slade

**Absent Board Members:** None

**Present Via Phone:** None

**Guests:** Rocio Tovar, Sarah Urban, Fabian Garcia, Tracy Smith Jackson, Afrodite Salgado, Drew Staples

### Agenda

I) **Opening Items**

Jim O'Toole

A) Call Meeting to Order

B) Approve Minutes

i) September 26, 2023 – Approval of meeting minutes

Mr. O'Toole called the meeting to order at 6:07pm. Mr. O'Toole moved to approve the minutes from September 26, 2023. 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 were no speakers.

III) **State of School** (60 minutes)

Rocio Tovar

A) School Update

Ms. Tovar provided school updates on Sy23-24 School-wide goals. School Celebration: Partnerships with YMCA, Bid Brother, Big Sister (mentoring program), Public Ally (Mindful student programming) and student and family involvement. Student enrollment, students transfer, INCS enrollment Study, student recruitment, staffing and hiring update, upbeat survey and next steps, academic achievement,



leadership development with Accelerate Institute and Identity Capital. Ms. Urban provided update on charter renewal. Ms. Smith-Jackson provided report on operations, finance, and HR.

IV) **Finance** (10 minutes)

Michel Mahaffey

- A) Audit Update

Michel Mahaffey provide update on ongoing audit.

V) **Development** (10 minutes)

Allison Slade

- Allison Slade provide report on development.

VI) **Kellogg Board Fellow Presentation** (10 minutes)

Drew Staples

- A) Development Update

Drew Staples provided presentation on new board member onboarding process.

VII) **Closed Meeting Session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1), 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2)** Jim O'Toole

- A) Vote to go in to closed session.

Mr. O'Toole moved to go into closed session at 6:53pm pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1), 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2)

Dr. Slade **seconded** the motion.

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

- B) Vote to exit closed session.

Mr. O'Toole made motion to exit closed session at 8:32pm Vote to exit closed session Dr. Slade **seconded** the motion.

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

VIII) **Vote on Matters Discussed in Closed Session** (if necessary)

Jim O'Toole



No matters to vote on

**IX) Closing Items**

Jim O'Toole

A) Adjourn Meeting

Mr. O'Toole to adjourn the meeting at 8:33pm. Dr. Slade **seconded** the motion.

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