



Namaste Charter School Board Meeting

Tuesday, February 8, 2024, 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: Suzie Mejia

Guests: Rocio Tovar, Sarah Urban, Andrew Staples, Byron Toledo Jr, Michelle Clark, Tori Bohannon, Kathryn Nelson, Tracy Smith-Jackson, Afrodite Salgado, Kevin Hooper, Gerardo Casales

Agenda

I) Opening Items

Jim O'Toole

A) Call Meeting to Order

B) Approve Minutes

i) November 14, 2023 – Approval of meeting minutes

Mr. O'Toole called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. Mr. O'Toole moved to approve the minutes from November 14, 2023. Jim Scott **seconded** the motion.

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

II) Public Comment/Welcome Guests (20 minutes)

Maricela Herrera

Ms. Herrera welcomed guests. 2 public speakers.

III) State of School (60 minutes)

Rocio Tovar

A) School Update

School update was provided by Rocio Tovar, principal.

IV) Finance (10 minutes)

Michel Mahaffey



A) Finance Report

Ms. Mahaffey emailed financial reports to board members and requested feedback; no feedback nor comments provided.

V) **Development** (10 minutes)

Allison Slade

Kathryn Nelson and Suzie Mejia of associate board provided report on the cultivation event that will take place on May 16, 2024.

VI) **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 6:59pm pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1), 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2)

Dr. Slade **seconded** the motion.

B) Vote to exit closed session.

Mr. O'Toole made motion to exit closed session at 8:39pm Vote to exit closed session Michel Mahaffey **seconded** the motion.

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

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

Jim O'Toole

No matters to vote on

VIII) **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

