



Namaste Charter School Board Meeting

Tuesday, March 19, 2024, 6:00 PM

3737 S. Paulina

Chicago, IL 60609

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

Absent Board Members: Maricela Herrera

Guests: Afrodita Salgado, Fabian Garcia, Rosie Aleman, Drew Staples, Tori Bohannon, Justin Walker, Linda Boyd, Sara Urben, Rocio Tovar

Agenda

I) Opening Items

Jim O'Toole

- A) Call Meeting to Order
- B) Approve Minutes
 - i) February 8, 2024 – Approval of meeting minutes

Mr. O'Toole called the meeting to order at 6pm.

Mr. O'Toole made a motion to approve the February 8, 2024 meeting minutes as amended, Ms. Mahaffey seconded. The following votes were recorded.

Board Member	Vote
Jim O'Toole	Approve
Jim Scott	Approve
Allison Slade	Approve
Michel Mahaffey	Approve

II) Public Comment/Welcome Guests (20 minutes)

Maricela Herrera

There were no public comments

III) State of School (60 minutes)

Rocio Tovar

- A) School Update



Ms. Tovar provided an update on school enrollment and families transferring out.
 Ms. Tovar provided an update on families who will not return next year and their concerns about the shortened school day as well as the cost of after school care.
 Mr. Walker provided an update on additional safety measures and improvements to restrooms.

IV) **Finance** (10 minutes) Michel Mahaffey/
Jim Scott

A) Finance Report and Business Insurance

Mr. Scott provided an update on insurance. The school will look to bid the policy out prior to the upcoming renewal in August 2024.
 Ms. Mahaffey discussed the 2% NOI target which will be reviewed and discussed in the next Finance committee meeting.

V) **Development** (10 minutes) Allison Slade/
Kathryn Nelson

Ms. Nelson was unable to attend the meeting, so Ms. Tovar spoke about the cultivation event and requested board follow up with potential guests.

VI) **Closed Meeting Session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1),
5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2), 5 ILCS 120/2 (C) (21)** Jim O’Toole

A) Vote to go in to closed session.

Mr. O’Toole noted a correction to the agenda that closed session will not be entered for 5 ILCS 120/2 (C) (21).

Mr. O’Toole made a motion to enter closed session at 6:50 pm pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) and 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2), Mr. Scott seconded. The following votes were recorded:

Board Member	Vote
Jim O’Toole	Approve
Jim Scott	Approve
Allison Slade	Approve
Michel Mahaffey	Approve

B) Vote to exit closed session.



Dr. Slade made a motion to enter closed session at 8:19 pm, Ms. Mahaffey seconded. The following votes were recorded:

Board Member	Vote
Jim O'Toole	Approve
Jim Scott	Approve
Allison Slade	Approve
Michel Mahaffey	Approve

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

Jim O'Toole

Mr. O'Toole made a motion to offer the principal's contract to Rocio Tovar as presented, Ms. Mahaffey seconded. The following votes were recorded:

Board Member	Vote
Jim O'Toole	Approve
Jim Scott	Approve
Allison Slade	Approve
Michel Mahaffey	Approve

VIII) Closing Items

Jim O'Toole

A) Adjourn Meeting

Mr. O'Toole made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20pm, Mr. Scott seconded. The following votes were recorded.

Board Member	Vote
Jim O'Toole	Approve
Jim Scott	Approve
Allison Slade	Approve
Michel Mahaffey	Approve