



## Namaste Charter School Board Meeting

Friday, June 14, 2024, 4:00 PM

3737 S. Paulina

Chicago, IL 60609

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

**Absent Board Members:** None

**Via Phone:** Allison Slade, Jim Scott

**Guests:** Fabian Garcia, Tori Bohannon, Sara Urben, Rocio Tovar, Linda Boyd, Justin Walker, Afrodita Salgado

### Agenda

**I) Opening Items**

Jim O'Toole

A) Call Meeting to Order

B) Approve Minutes

i) May 14 and 29 – Approval of meeting minutes

Mr. O'Toole called the meeting to order at 6:07 pm.

Mr. O'Toole made a motion to approve the May 14 and 29, meeting minutes. Ms. Mahaffey seconded.

The following votes were recorded.

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

**II) Public Comment/Welcome Guests (20 minutes)**

Maricela Herrera

There were no Public Comments.

**III) State of School (10 minutes)**

Rocio Tovar



A) School Update

Ms. Salgado provided an update on student enrollment. Ms. Boyd provided an update on academic achievement.

IV) **Finance** (20 minutes)

Michel Mahaffey/  
Jim Scott

A) Finance Report

- i) Vote on Budget 24/25

Rocio Tovar/  
Tracy Smith-Jackson

Ms. Mahaffey Provided the Finance Report.

B) Bargaining Update

Ms. Tovar Provided a bargaining update.

V) **Development** (10 minutes)

Allison Slade/  
Kathryn Nelson

Dr. Slade provided a development update.

VI) **Other Business**

Maricela Herrera

A) *Officers Election – Nominees*

- i) President – Jim O’Toole
- ii) Treasurer- Michel Mahaffey
- iii) Secretary – Maricela Herrera

Ms. Herrera reviewed the officers Slade.

President – Jim O’Toole  
Treasurer- Michel Mahaffey  
Secretary – Maricela Herrera

Ms. Mahaffey made a motion to approve the officers as presented. Mr. O’Toole seconded the motion. The following votes were recorded.

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



*B) Proposed 2024/2025 Board Meeting Dates*

- i) August 20, 2024, September 17, 2024, November 19, 2024, January 21, 2024, March 18, 2024, May 20, 2025, June 17, 2025

Ms Herrera made a motion to approve the updated proposed meeting dates as follows: August 20, 2024, September 24, 2024, November 19, 2024, January 28, 2025, March 18, 2025, May 20, 2025, June 17, 2025. Mr. O’Toole seconded. The following votes were recorded.

<b>Board Member</b>	<b>Vote</b>
Jim O’Toole	Approve
Jim Scott	Approve
Allison Slade	Approve
Michel Mahaffey	Approve
Maricela Herrera	Approve

*C) Board Members Elections*

Ms. Herrera presented the following board members and terms for reelection.

Jim O’Toole – 2 Year Term

Michel Mahaffey - 2 Year Term

Jim Scott - 1 Year Term

Maricela Herrera - 1 Year Term

Allison Slade - 1 Year Term

Ms O’Toole made a motion to approve term reelection as presented. Ms. Mahaffey seconded the motion. The following votes were recorded.

Jim O’Toole	Approve
Jim Scott	Approve
Allison Slade	Approve
Michel Mahaffey	Approve
Maricela Herrera	Approve



**VII) Closed Meeting Session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1),  
5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2), 5 ILCS 120/2 (C) (11)** Jim O’Toole

A) Vote to go into closed session.

Mr. O’Toole made a motion to go into a close section at 4:35 PM pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(15 ILCS 120/2(c)(2), 5 ILCS 120/2 (C) (11) Dr. Slade seconded the motion. The following votes were recorded.



Jim O’Toole	Approve
Jim Scott	Approve
Allison Slade	Approve
Michel Mahaffey	Approve
Maricela Herrera	Approve

B) Vote to exit the closed session.

Mr. O’Toole made a motion to exit the closed session at 7:41 PM. Ms. Mahaffey seconded the motion. The following votes were recorded.



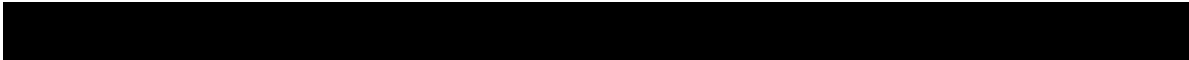
Jim O’Toole	Approve
Jim Scott	Approve
Allison Slade	Approve
Michel Mahaffey	Approve
Maricela Herrera	Approve



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

Jim O’Toole

Ms. Herrera made a motion to approve the principal contract as presented. Ms. Mahaffey seconded the motion. The following votes were recorded.



Jim O’Toole	Approve
Jim Scott	Approve
Allison Slade	Abstain
Michel Mahaffey	Approve
Maricela Herrera	Approve

Ms. Herrera made a motion to approve principal compensation as presented. Ms. Mahaffey seconded the motion. The following votes were recorded.



Jim O’Toole	Approve
Jim Scott	Approve
Allison Slade	Abstain
Michel Mahaffey	Approve
Maricela Herrera	Approve

Ms. Herrera made a motion to approve senior leadership compensation as presented. Ms. Mahaffey seconded the motion. The following votes were recorded.



Jim O’Toole	Approve
Jim Scott	Approve
Allison Slade	Abstain
Michel Mahaffey	Approve
Maricela Herrera	Approve



Ms Herrera motioned to approve the budget with a net operating income loss not exceeding \$350,000 for school year 24/25. Mr. O'Toole seconded the motion. The following votes were recorded.

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Jim O'Toole	Approve
Jim Scott	Approve
Allison Slade	Abstain
Michel Mahaffey	Approve
Maricela Herrera	Approve

**IX) Closing Items**

Jim O'Toole

- A) Adjourn Meeting

Mr. O'Toole to adjourn the meeting at 7:45. Ms. Mahaffey seconded the motion.