



# Namaste Charter School Board Meeting

Tuesday, May 14, 2024, 6:00 PM

3737 S. Paulina

Chicago, IL 60609

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

**Absent Board Members:** None

**Via Phone:** Allison Slade

**Guests:** Fabian Garcia, Drew Staples, Tori Bohannon, Sara Urben, Rocio Tovar, Tracy Smith-Jackson, Marissa Garcia, Jose Romero

## Agenda

I) **Opening Items** Jim O’Toole

A) Call Meeting to Order

B) Approve Minutes

i) March 19, 2024 – Approval of meeting minutes

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

Mr. O’Toole made a motion to approve the March 19, 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
Maricela Herrera	Approve

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

There were no Public Comment.

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

A) School Update



Ms. Tovar provided information on student enrollment and highlights on academic achievements.

**IV) Finance (10 minutes)**

Michel Mahaffey/  
Jim Scott

- A) Year to Date Financials Questions
- B) Draft SY 24/25 Budget Review
- C) Bargaining Update

Ms. Mahaffey asked if there were any question on financial reports, no questions from board members. Unable to provide budget review, advised to schedule a special meeting. Ms. Scott gave Bargaining Update.

**V) Development (10 minutes)**

Allison Slade/  
Kathryn Nelson

- A) Development Update

Ms. Tovar provided report on cultivation event. The event has over 91 guest and exceeded expectations. The associate board did a tremendous job in organizing the event.

**VI) Kellogg Board Fellow Presentation (15 minutes)**

Drew Staples

- A) Final Kellogg Board Fellow project.

Mr. Staples presented the final Kellogg Board Fellow Presentation.

**VII) 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 into close session

Mr. O'Toole made a motion to enter closed session at 6:38 pm pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1), ILCS 120/2(c)(2), 5 ILCS 120/2 (C) (21) Mr. Mahaffey 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



B) Vote to exit closed session.

Mr. O'Toole a motion to enter closed session at 8:11 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
Maricela Herrera	Approve

VIII) **Vote on Matters Discussed in Closed Session** (if necessary) Jim O'Toole

Ms. Herrera made a motion to approve leaving the closed session minutes from January 2023 to June 2023 closed as discussed in closed session. Dr Slade seconded the motion. The meeting date are in Exhibit A. The following votes were recorded:

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

Ms. Herrera made a motion to approve and keep confidential meeting minutes from July 2023 to March 2024 as discussed in closed session. Mr. Scott seconded the motion. The meeting date are in Exhibit B. The following votes were recorded:

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

Ms. Herrera made a motion to approve the destruction of closed session meeting minutes from February 2022 to November 2022 closed as discussed in closed session. Mr. Scott seconded the motion. The meeting date are in Exhibit C. 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

**IX) Closing Items**

Jim O'Toole

A) Adjourn Meeting

Mr. O'Toole made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:13pm, Mr. Scott 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



### **Exhibit A - Leaving Closed**

June 20, 2023	5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) and 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(7)
May 16, 2023	5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) and 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2)
May 1, 2023	5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) and 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(7)
March 21, 2023	5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2)
January 17, 2023	5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2)

### **Exhibit B – Approve and Close**

March 19, 2024	5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1), 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2),
February 8, 2024	5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1), 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2)
November 14, 2023	5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1), 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2)
September 26, 2023	5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1), 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2)
August 15, 2023	5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2), 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21)
July 10, 2023	5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1), 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2)

### **Exhibit C - Destruction**

November 15, 2022	5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2) and 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21)
September 27, 2022	5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2) and 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(8)
August 16, 2022	5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) and 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2)
June 21, 2022	5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) and 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2)
June 21, 2022	5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) and 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2)
May 10, 2022	5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1), 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2), and 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21)
April 5, 2022	5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) and 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2)
February 22, 2022	5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) and 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2)