



Namaste Charter School Board Meeting

Tuesday, August 20, 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, Rocio Tovar, Justin Walker, Lashon Blackwell, Tori Bohanon, Linda Boyd, Claudia Beltran, Yesica Rufino, Chris Shue

Via phone: Kathryn Nelson

Agenda

I) Opening Items

Jim O'Toole

- A) Call Meeting to Order
- B) Approve Minutes
 - i) June 14, 2024 – Approval of meeting minutes

Mr. O'Toole called the meeting to order at 6:02pm.

Mr. O'Toole made a motion to approve the June 14, 2024, meeting minutes. Ms. Mahaffey seconded. The following votes were recorded. 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

- C) Introduction of Claudia Beltran

Ms. Beltran introduced herself and provided background information.

II) Public Comment/Welcome Guests (20 minutes)

Maricela Herrera

Ms. Herrera welcomed guests. There were no speakers.

III) Enrollment Study Discussion

Enrollment study presented.



IV) State of School (20 minutes)

Rocio Tovar

- A) School Update
- B) School Goals

Ms. Tovar provided school updates and school goals.

V) Finance (20 minutes)

M. Mahaffey/J. Scott

- A) Finance Report
 - i) Tereo Introduction
 - ii) Budget Review
 - iii) Audit Update
 - iv) Approve the detailed version of the 24/25 budget

Chris Shue of Tereo Group introduced himself and provided an overview of the work he would be doing at Namaste Charter School.

Ms. Mahaffey provided a budget review and audit update.

Jim O'Toole made a motion to vote on the 24/25 budget as stated. Jim Scott seconded motion. The following votes were recorded.

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

VI) Development (10 minutes)

K. Nelson/Dr. Slade

- A) Development Update

Katheryn Nelson provided the development update.

VII) Closed Meeting Session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2)

A) Vote to go into closed session Jim O'Toole Mr. O'Toole made a motion to go into a close section at 8:14 PM pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2). Michel Mahaffey seconded the motion. The following votes were recorded.

Board Member	Vote
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 made a motion to exit the closed session at 8:28 PM. Ms. Mahaffey seconded the motion. 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

No matters to vote on.

IX) Closing Items Jim O’Toole A) Adjourn Meeting

Mr. O’Toole adjourned the meeting at 8:28pm. Mr. Scott seconded the motion. The following votes were recorded.

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