



Namaste Charter School Board Meeting

Tuesday, September 24, 2024, 6:00 PM

3737 S. Paulina
Chicago, IL 60609

Present Board Members: Jim Scott, Jim O'Toole, Maricela Herrera

Absent Board Members: None

Via Phone: Allison Slade, Claudia Beltran

Via Phone joined at 7:29pm: Michel Mahaffey.

Guests: Fabian Garcia, Rocio Tovar, Lashon Blackwell, Tori Bohanon, Linda Boyd, Rosie Aleman, Matt Moeller, Afrodite Salgado

Via phone: Kathryn Nelson, Chris Shue

Agenda

I) Opening Items

Jim O'Toole

A) Call Meeting to Order

B) Approve Minutes

i) August 20, 2024 – Approval of meeting minutes

Mr. O'Toole called the meeting to order at 6:01pm.

Mr. O'Toole made a motion to approve the August 20, 2024, meeting minutes. 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	Absent
Maricela Herrera	Approve

II) Public Comment/Welcome Guests (20 minutes)

Maricela Herrera

Ms. Herrera welcomed guests. There were no speakers.



III) Board Election of Claudia Beltran (10 minutes)

Jim O'Toole

Mr. O'Toole made motion to elect Claudia Beltran as board member as of September 24, 2024, to June 30, 2026. Dr Slade seconded motion. The following votes were recorded.

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

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IV) State of School (60 minutes)

Rocio Tovar

- A) School Update
- B) Approve bullying prevention policy
- C) Financial Report

Ms. Tovar provided School Update. Mr. Shue provided Financial Report.

Jim O'Toole made motion to approved bullying prevention policy as revised. Ms. Beltran seconded the motion. The following votes were recorded.

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

V) Finance (30 minutes)

Jim Scott

- A) Union bargaining
- B) Approve the financial audit

Mr. Scott provided union bargaining update.



Mr. Scott made the motion to approve the submission of the Namaste Charter School financial audit by November 1, 2024, subject to review and approval by finance committee. Mr. O’Toole seconded the motion.

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

VI) Development (10 minutes) Kathryn Nelson
 A) Development Update

Kathryn Nelson provided development update.

VII) Closed Meeting Session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1), 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2)
 A) Vote to go in to closed session Jim O’Toole

Jim O’Toole Mr. O’Toole made a motion to go into a close section at 7:04 pm pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1), 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
Claudia Beltran	Approve

B) Vote to exit closed session



Mr. O’Toole made a motion to exit the closed session at 7:46PM. 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
Claudia Beltrán	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 7:47pm. 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
Claudia Beltrán	Approve