



Namaste Charter School Board Meeting

Tuesday, November 19, 2024, 6:00 PM

3737 S. Paulina

Chicago, IL 60609

Present Board Members: Jim Scott, Jim O’Toole, Michel Mahaffey, Maricela Herrera, Claudia Beltran, Allison Slade (arrival time 6:15 pm)

Absent Board Members: None

Via Phone: Chris Shue, Linda Boyd

Guests: Fabian Garcia, Tori Bohannon, Rocio Tovar, Dr. Tasha Green Cruzat, Matt Moeller, Justin Walker, Rosie Aleman, Lashon Blackwell, Morgan Buchollz, Suzanne Mejia, Brianna Kwitt, Kathryn Nelson, Gerardo Casales, Andrea Guzman, Aphrodite Salgado

Agenda

- I) **Opening Items** Jim O’Toole
 - A) Call Meeting to Order
 - B) Approve Minutes
 - i) September 24, 2024 – Approval of meeting minutes

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

Mr. O’Toole made a motion to approve the September 24, 2024, meeting minutes as amended, and Ms. Mahaffey seconded. The following votes were recorded.

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

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

There were no public comments.

- III) **Introduction of Dr. Tasha Green Cruzat** (10 minutes) Jim O’Toole

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- IV) **State of School** (60 minutes) Rocio Tovar

- A) School Update
- B) Financial Report

Rocio Tovar provided the school update, and Chris Shue provided the financial report.

- V) **Development** (10 minutes) Kathryn Nelson/



A) Development Update

Allison Slade

Kathryn Nelson Provided a development update.

VI) 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 enter closed session at 7:37 pm closed meeting session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2) 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
Claudia Beltran	Approve

B) Vote to exit closed session

Mr. O'Toole made a motion to exit closed session at 7:50 pm Closed Meeting Session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2) Dr. Slade 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
Claudia Beltran	Approve

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

Jim O'Toole

No matters to vote on.

II) **Closing Items**

Jim O'Toole

A) Adjourn Meeting

Mr. O'Toole made a motion to enter to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 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
Claudia Beltrán	Approve