



Namaste Charter School Board Meeting

Tuesday, March 18, 2025, 6:00 PM

3737 S. Paulina

Chicago, IL 60609

Present board members: Jim Scott, Jim O'Toole, Michel Mahaffey, Claudia Beltran, Tasha Green Cruzat

Absent board member: Allison Slade

Guests: Matt Mueller, Linda Boyd, Fabian Garcia, Tori Bohannon

Guest via phone: Kathryn Nelson, Chris Shue

Agenda

I) Opening Items

Jim O'Toole

A) Call Meeting to Order

B) Approve Minutes

i) January 28, 2025– Approval of meeting minutes

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

Mr. O'Toole made a motion to approve January 28, 2025, meeting minutes as presented, 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 Beltrán	Approve
Dr. Tasha Green Cruzat	Approve

II) Public Comment/Welcome Guests (20 minutes)

Maricela Herrera

There were no Public Comments.

III) State of School (60 minutes)

Rocio Tovar

A) School Update

B) Financial Report

Mr. Tovar and the leadership team provided the School Update. Mr. Shue provided financial reports.

IV) Development (10 minutes)

Kathryn Nelson/

A) Development Update

Allison Slade

Kathryn Nelson provided development updates

V) 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 7:50 pm, 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	Absent
Michel Mahaffey	Approve
Maricela Herrera	Approve
Claudia Beltrán	Approve
Dr. Tasha Green Cruzat	Approve

B) Vote to exit closed session

Mr. O'Toole made a motion to enter closed session at 8:55 pm, Mr. Scott 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 Beltrán	Approve
Dr. Tasha Green Cruzat	Approve

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

Jim O'Toole

There are no matters to be voted on.

VII) **Closing Items**

Jim O'Toole

A) Adjourn Meeting

Mr. O'Toole motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 pm, 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 Beltrán	Approve
Dr. Tasha Green Cruzat	Approve