



Namaste Charter School Board Meeting

Tuesday, May 20, 2025, 6:00 PM

3737 S. Paulina

Chicago, IL 60609

Present Board Members: Jim O'Toole, Michel Mahaffey, Maricela Herrera, Jim Scott, Claudia Beltran,

Absent Board Members: Tasha Green Cruzat

Via Phone: Allison Slade, Chris Shue, Kathryn Nelson

Guests: Fabian Garcia, Tori Bohannon, Rocío Tovar, Linda Boyd, Afrodita Salgado, Evelyn Martínez, Gerardo Casales, Andrea Guzmán, Rosie Aleman

Agenda

I) Opening Items

Jim O'Toole

A) Call Meeting to Order

B) Approve Minutes

i) *March 18, 2025*— Approval of meeting minutes

Mr. O'Toole called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm.

Mr. O'Toole made a motion to approve the March 18, 2025, meeting minutes. 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 |

II) Public Comment/Welcome Guests (20 minutes)

Maricela Herrera

Ms. Herrera welcomed the guests. There were three public comments made.

III) State of School (60 minutes)

Rocio Tovar

A) School Update

B) 25-26 Budget Review

C) Financial Report

Ms. Tovar and the leadership team shared a school update. Mr. Shue and Ms. Tovar presented the 2025-2026 budget and upcoming changes, and Mr. Shue provided a financial report.



IV) Development (10 minutes)

A) Development Update

Kathryn Nelson/
Allison Slade

Ms. Nelson presented a development report along with a recap of the recent event.

V) Closed Meeting Session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1), 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 close section at 8:09 PM pursuant to **5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1), 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2)**, Mr. Scott seconded the motion. The following votes 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 8:59PM. Ms. Mahaffey seconded the motion. The following votes recorded.

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



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

Jim O'Toole

No matters to vote on.

VII) Closing Items

Jim O'Toole

A) Adjourn Meeting

Mr. O'Toole to adjourn the meeting at 8:59 pm. Ms. Mahaffey seconded the motion.

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