



Namaste Charter School Board Meeting

Monday, June 16, 2025, 6:00 PM

3737 S. Paulina

Chicago, IL 60609

Present Board Members: Jim O'Toole, Michel Mahaffey, Maricela Herrera, Allison Slade, Tasha Green Cruzat, Claudia Beltran

Absent Board Members: None

Via Phone: Jim Scott

Guests: Fabian Garcia, Tori Bohannon, Rocio Tovar, Linda Boyd, Afrodita Salgado, Rosie Alemán, Matt Moeller, Chris Shue

Agenda

I) Opening Items

Jim O'Toole

A) Call Meeting to Order

B) Approve Minutes

i) May 20, 2025 – Approval of meeting minutes

Mr. O'Toole called the meeting to order at 6:07pm.

Mr. O'Toole made a motion to approve May 20, 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
Tasha Green Cruzat	Approve

II) Public Comment/Welcome Guests (20 minutes)

Maricela Herrera

There were no Public Comments

III) State of School (30 minutes)

Rocio Tovar

A) School Update

B) Vote on 25-26 Budget

C) Financial Report

Ms. Tovar presented a school update on enrollment and recruiting. Mr. Shue provided the Financial Report.



Mr. Jim O'Toole made a motion to approve the existing budget, subject to the following changes: removal of the investment income \$75,000, resulting in a net operating income loss of \$226,692. Ms. Tasha Green seconded. The following votes were recorded.

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

IV) Review Conflict of Interest

Jim O'Toole

Mr. Herrera reported that the conflict of interest has been reviewed and submitted.

V) Development (10 minutes)

Kathryn Nelson/

A) Development Update

Allison Slade

No development updates.

VI) Other Business

Jim O'Toole

A) Office Election – Nominees

- i) President – Claudia Beltran
- ii) Treasurer - Michel Mahaffey
- iii) Secretary - Maricela Herrera

Mr. O'Toole made a motion to approve the election of the nominees as presented for a term of one year. Ms. Slade seconded the motion. The following votes were recorded.

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



B) Proposed 2025/2026 Board Meeting Dates

- August 19, 2025
- September 30, 2025
- January 28, 2026
- March 19, 2026
- May 19, 2026
- June 16, 2026

Ms. Slade made motion to approve the proposed dates as stated by Mr. O'Toole. Ms. Michel seconded. The following votes recorded.

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

C) Board Members Elections

- Jim Scott -1 Year Term
- Maricela Herrera -1 Year term
- Allison Slade- 1 Year Term

Mr O'Toole made a motion to approve the term reelection as presented for a year term that will end on June 30, 2026. 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
Claudia Beltran	Approve
Maricela Herrera	Approve
Tasha Green Cruzat	Approve



VII) Closed Meeting Session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1), 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2) Jim O'Toole

A) Vote to go into closed session

Mr. O'Toole made a motion to go into close session at 8:08 PM pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1), 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2). Ms. Green Cruzat seconded the motion. The following votes recorded.

Board Member	Vote
Jim O'Toole	Approve
Jim Scott	Approve
Allison Slade	Approve
Michel Mahaffey	Approve
Claudia Beltrán	Approve
Maricela Herrera	Approve
Tasha Green Cruzat	Approve

B) Vote to exit closed session

Mr. O'Toole made a motion to exit closed session at 9:13 pm. 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
Claudia Beltrán	Approve
Maricela Herrera	Approve
Tasha Green Cruzat	Approve

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

Jim O'Toole

Mr. O'Toole made a motion to approve the union contract as presented. Ms. Slade seconded the motion. The following votes recorded.

Board Member	Vote
Jim O'Toole	Approve
Jim Scott	Approve
Allison Slade	Approve
Michel Mahaffey	Approve
Claudia Beltrán	Approve
Maricela Herrera	Approve
Tasha Green Cruzat	Approve



Mr. O'Toole made a motion to approve the leadership compensation as presented. 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
Claudia Beltrán	Approve
Maricela Herrera	Approve
Tasha Green Cruzat	Approve

IX) Closing Items

Jim O'Toole

A) Adjourn Meeting

Mr. O'Toole to adjourn the meeting at 9:14 pm. 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
Claudia Beltrán	Approve
Maricela Herrera	Approve
Tasha Green Cruzat	Approve