



Board Meeting Minutes

July 3, 2015

The Board of Trustees of the NYC Autism Charter School (NYCACs) met on Monday, July 3, 2015 at the NYC Autism Charter School 433 East 100th Street New York, NY 10029

Attending Trustees:

Carol Santiago

Ashley Garrett

Chas Chigas

Hugh O'Rourke

Alvin Shih*

Hannah Hoch*

Paul O'Neill*

Mitchel Baum

Ilene Lainer

*pending DOE approval

Absent Trustees:

Maureen Bateman

Benjamin Hartman

Attendees at the Invitation of the Board:

Mark Saretsky, Chief Financial Officer

Nicole Pearson, Director of Education

Susan Michaelson, Quality Assurance Manager

Julie Fisher, Executive Director

Hannah Zaks, Lead Instructor

Jourdan Norfleet, Instructor

Sarah Innes, Clinical Supervisor

Jessica Seeman, Clinical Consultant

Joy Resmovits, writer from the Huffington Post

Victoria Eckstein, Morgan Stanley

Schuyler Weiss, Morgan Stanley

Ana Lynn Iacoviello, Morgan Stanley

Mrinalini Gupta, Morgan Stanley

Anthony Ianno, Morgan Stanley

1. Call to order

Ms. Santiago, President, called the general meeting to order at 5:00pm.

2. Board Business

- The minutes of June 15, 2015 meeting were reviewed. **Action: A vote was taken and the minutes of June 15, 2015 were approved.**

- Trustee Day- Board members will be visiting the classrooms on August 3rd, 2015. They will be given a tour and presentations by NYCACS teachers

3. Governance

- a. Trustees were advised that Ms. Bateman has resigned from the Board. The Board thanked her for all of her efforts.
- b. Ms. Lainer volunteered for the governance committee.
- c. An email will be sent by Ms. Santiago to inform the Trustees of their committee assignments. Calendar invitations will be sent to inform the dates of committee meetings.
- d. Ms. Fisher proposed an NYCACS Junior Board to engage young professionals in the NYC Autism Charter School. Ilene Lainer and others requested further clarification on the purpose of the Junior Board.

4. Committee Reports

a. Operations

- **Management Consulting Update**
 - CEI-PEA will be generating a report of their findings. A report will be made to the Board
- **Staffing Update**
 - 4 Teachers have resigned- 3 classroom staff are being promoted from within to Head Teachers. 1 new Teacher has been hired.

5. Special Presentation

- a. The Morgan Stanley Strategy Challenge team presented their report to NYCACS Trustees regarding expansion options. Their in depth research, analysis and recommendations were well received by the Trustees. The Board will review further in their August 3 planning meeting.

4. Additional Items and Public Comment

- None

5. Closing Items

- The Public Meeting adjourned at 7:00pm.