



Board Meeting Minutes

August 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
Hugh O'Rourke
Alvin Shih
Hannah Hoch
Paul O'Neill
Mitchel Baum
Ilene Lainer

Absent Trustees:

Mitchel Baum
Chas Chigas
Benjamin Hartman

Attendees at the Invitation of the Board:

Julie Fisher, Executive Director
Mark Saretsky, Chief Financial Officer
Nicole Pearson, Director of Education
Moirra Cray, Director of Transition and Community Outreach
Cassandra Nwokah, Executive Administrative Assistant

1. Annual Updates

- a. Ms. Pearson presented on Education to the Board at 1:30pm.
- b. Ms. Cray presented on Outreach to the Board at 1:46pm.

2. Call to order

Ms. Santiago, President, called the general meeting to order at 2:00pm.

3. Board Business

- a. The minutes of July 3, 2015 meeting were reviewed at 2:02pm. **Action: A vote was taken and the minutes of July 3, 2015 were approved.**

4. Housekeeping

- a. Ms. Fisher initiated a discussion of the new Trustee candidate Richard Larios. Board agreed that a Trustee should meet with candidate so that he can be added to next meeting's agenda.
- b. At 2:04pm discussion then turned to officer roles. **Action: A vote was taken and Ashley Garret was voted into the position of Vice President of the Board.**
- c. At 2:05pm the discussion turned to the committees and how committee meetings will function structurally. General agreement to have front-end committee meetings before each Board meeting with a 4:15pm start time.
- d. At 2:24pm discussion of Junior Board description began. **Action: A vote was taken and Junior Board description was approved pending title change.**

5. Future Planning

- a. Ms. Fisher initiated future planning discussion at 2:27pm.
 - **Action: A vote was taken to move forward with implementing the Catalyst Data Collection Pilot Program and a Staff and Parent Training E-Library and approved.**
 - Ms. Santiago will give a more detailed look at CEI-PEA feedback and next steps at next Board meeting.
- b. At 2:56pm Ms. Santiago began discussion about moving forward with second charter opportunity. General agreement to push for charter RFP December letter of intent submission to meet upcoming January proposal application deadline.
 - At 3:03pm Expansion task force created to assist with proposal submission process. Task force comprised of the following members: Paul O'Neill, Hugh O'Rourke, Ashley Garrett and Carol Santiago.

6. Additional Items and Public Comments

- a. New title proposed for Junior Board. Ms. Lainer suggested Auxiliary or Adjunct Board, which met with general agreement at 3:11pm.

7. Closing Items

- a. The Public Meeting adjourned at 3:17pm.