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Board Meeting Minutes

March 15th, 2020 – 12:00PM

The Board of Trustees of NYC Autism Charter Schools (NYCACS) met in an emergency meeting on Sunday March 15th, 2020 via video conference

Attending Trustees:

Alysia Steinmann
Ashley Garrett
Alvin Shih
Elaine Florio
Hannah Hoch
Ilene Lainer
Ben Hartman
Carol Santiago
Christine Sandler
Mitchel Baum
Naeema Livingston
Paul O'Neill

Absent Trustees:

Alberto Garcia

Attendees at the Invitation of the Board:

Julie Fisher, Executive Director

1. Call to order

Action: Ms. Santiago DeJesus called the NYCACS general meeting to order at 12:00pm.

2. COVID19

- At 12:05PM, the impact of COVID19 was discussed as well as steps taken to date. These include:
 - Parents made aware of growing concerns.
 - Additional cleaning and sanitizing products purchased.
 - Increased frequency and thoroughness of cleaning and hand washing for students and staff
 - Cleaning service responsibilities expanded to include high touch areas and surfaces.
 - Discontinuation of community-based instruction and field trips.
 - Instructional materials and resource lists sent home.
- At 12:40PM, significant increases in staff and student outages as well as general health and safety concerns were discussed.
- At 1:00PM, school building closure was discussed. **Action:** Ms. Lainer made

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a motion to move to remote instruction for students and remote reporting for staff. Ms. Garrett seconded the motion in which the Board voted and the motion was unanimously approved.

- At 1:20PM, potential costs of the shift to remote instruction were discussed. Action: Ms. Lainer made a motion to allocate \$10,000 to help enable families to access remote instruction. Mr. Baum seconded the motion in which the Board voted and the motion was unanimously approved.

3. Closing Items

a. Adjourn Meeting

- At 1:35pm the NYC Autism Charter Schools Board meeting was adjourned.