

Board Meeting Minutes

January 9th, 2023 – 5:00PM

The Board of Trustees of NYC Autism Charter Schools (NYCACS) met on Monday, January 9th, 2023 via videoconference

Attending Trustees:

Alvin Shih
Ashley Garrett
Carol Santiago-DeJesus
Hannah Hoch
Ilene Lainer
Mitchel Baum
Mark Saretsky
Alysia Steinmann
Elaine Florio
Naeema Livingston
Christine Sandler

Absent Trustees:

Ben Hartman
Paul O'Neill

Attendees at the Invitation of the Board:

Julie Fisher, Executive Director
Tiffney Jones, Director of Finance
Ella Rivers, Board Assistant

1. Call to order

- Action: Ms. Garrett called the NYCACS general meeting to order at 5:05PM.

2. Board Business

a. Minutes from Board Meeting 12-12-2022

- At 5:06PM, the minutes from the Dec 12th, 2022, Board meeting were reviewed.
 - Action: Ms. Florio motioned to approve the Dec 12th, 2022, minutes. Mr. Saretsky seconded the motion in which the Board voted and the minutes were approved by majority vote.

b. A Note on Today's Meetings

- Ms. Fisher announced that today will be an abbreviated meeting to leave time for the Leadership Review and Development Task Force to convene afterwards.

3. School Updates

a. Mask Mandates

- Due to the substantial number of both staff and students out regularly with illness Ms. Fisher has opted to continue the mask mandate that was put back in place at the December 12th, 2022, board meeting. This mask mandate will be updated week to week based on illness and absence trends.

b. Associate Board Fundraiser

- The Associate Board is hosting a fundraiser in the form of a virtual fitness event. Ms. Poli will send out the invitation later this week.

c. Updating Board Information

- Ms. Rivers will be reaching out individually for updated bios and contact information for each board member.

d. Bereavement Policy

- Ms. Fisher suggested that miscarriages be included in the bereavement policy and covered under “loss of child,” this would be an interpretation and clarification of an already existing policy and, therefore, does not need a vote.

4. Task Force Meetings

a. The Leadership Review and Development Task Force meeting is directly after this meeting

b. The Compensation Task Force meeting is this Wednesday, January 11th at 5PM

c. The Fundraising Subcommittee meeting is this Thursday, January 12th at 12PM

d. Per Pupil Reimbursement Task Force is January 20th at 9AM

5. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

- At 5:23 PM, Ms. Sandler made a motion to enter an Executive Session to discuss a sensitive staffing issue. Ms. Garrett seconded the motion in which the Board voted and entering the Executive Session was unanimously approved.
- At 5:45PM, Mr. Shih made a motion to leave the Executive Session. Ms. Garrett seconded the motion in which the Board voted and leaving the Executive Session was unanimously approved.
- At 5:46PM, Mr. Baum made a motion to adjourn the Board meeting. Mr. Saretsky seconded the motion in which the Board voted and adjourning the meeting was unanimously approved.

