

Board Meeting Minutes

March 13th, 2023 – 5:00PM

The Board of Trustees of NYC Autism Charter Schools (NYCACs) met on Thursday, March 13th, 2023, via videoconference

Attending Trustees:

Carol Santiago-DeJesus
Paul O’Neill
Hannah Hoch
Christine Sandler
Elaine Florio
Ilene Lainer
Alysia Steinmann
Mark Saretsky
Ashley Garrett
Alvin Shih
Ben Hartman

Absent Trustees:

Mitchel Baum
Naeema Livingston

Attendees at the Invitation of the Board:

Julie Fisher, Executive Director

1. Call to order

- Action: The NYCACS general meeting was called to order at 5:04pm.

2. Board Business

a. Minutes from Board Meeting 03-02-2023 and 02-13-2023

- At 5:04pm the minutes from the March 2nd, 2023, and the Feb 13, 2023, Board meeting were reviewed.
 - At 5:05 Mr. Shih offered a correction to the February 13th, 2023, minutes. Page 3 should read “the motion was unanimously approved” rather than “the minutes were unanimously approved”
 - Action: At 5:06 Mr. Shih moved to approve the February 13th, 2023, minutes with the suggested edit and Ms. Sandler seconded the motion. Ms. Steinmann abstained as she was not present at the meeting. At 5:07 the February 13th, 2023, minutes were approved by majority vote.
 - Action: At 5:07 Ms. Sandler moved to approve the March 2nd, 2023, minutes and Ms. Lainer seconded the motion. Mr. Hartman, Mr. Shih and Ms. Garrett

abstained as they were not present at the meeting. At 5:08 the March 2nd, 2023, minutes were approved by majority vote.

3. Executive Session

- Action: At 5:08pm Ms. Lainer made a motion to move into Executive session to discuss a previously discussed sensitive staff issue. Ms. Hoch seconded the motion at which point the board unanimously approved moving into Executive Session.
- Action: At 6:51PM, Ms. Sandler made a motion to come out of executive session. Mr. Shih seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve the motion.

3. Closing Items

- Action: At 6:52PM, Mr. Baum made a motion to approve up to \$7500, if needed, to retain the services of a media consultant. Ms. Sandler seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve the motion.
- Action: At 6:53PM, Ms. Lainer made a motion to approve hiring for the position of Acting Administrative Director (AAD) and to provide leeway to the Executive Director and Ms. Sandler, who will be interviewing prospects, to negotiate and recommend and annualized salary and benefits to the Executive Committee, with final approval of the full Board. Mr. Shih seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve the motion.
- Action: At 6:56PM, Ms. Lainer made a motion to allocate up to \$50,000 to hire Impact Catalyst and approve its proposal provided it is expanded to give broader consideration to the entire organizational structure. Ms. Sandler seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve the motion.
- At 6:57PM, Ms. Florio reminded Trustees about the upcoming Gallery Show fundraiser taking place on April 27th and the importance of full Board participation.
- Action: At 6:58PM, Ms. Florio made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Shih seconded, and the board voted unanimously to approve the motion.