

Board Meeting Minutes

July 11th, 2022 – 5:00PM

The Board of Trustees of NYC Autism Charter Schools (NYCACs) met on Monday, July 11th, 2022 via videoconference

Attending Trustees:

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

Absent Trustees:

Elaine Florio

Attendees at the Invitation of the Board:

Julie Fisher, Executive Director
Tiffney Jones, Director of Finance
Christina Secharan, Operations & Technology Manager

1. Call to order

Action: Ms. Garrett called the NYCACS general meeting to order at 5:04pm.

2. Board Business

a. Minutes from Board Meeting 06-13-2022

- At 5:05pm the minutes from the June 13th, 2022 Board meeting were reviewed.
Action: Ms. Sandler motioned to approve the June 13th, 2022 minutes. Mr. Hartman seconded the motion (Ms. Hoch abstained as she was not in attendance at the June meeting), in which the Board voted and the minutes were approved by majority vote.

3. School Updates

a. Head of School Recruitment

- At 5:06pm Ms. Fisher provided an update on Head of School recruitment. The current Head of School will remain temporarily with additional support layered in while recruitment continues.

b. East Harlem Bussing Issues

- At 5:10pm Ms. Fisher informed the Board about the summer bussing issues experienced at the East Harlem campus. Earlier and additional check-ins with relevant personnel, as well as new student enrollment timing adjustments, will be made in advance of next summer.

c. SUNY CSI Renewal Vote (Re-do)

- At 5:21pm Ms. Fisher updated the Board on the status of NYCACS East Harlem's renewal application. As discussed at the previous meeting, the Board of Regents sent our East Harlem charter back to SUNY for another vote given their concerns with the renewal timeline being adjusted to line up renewals across both schools. SUNY CSI Trustees formally voted to re-approve the NYCACS East Harlem renewal application at their last meeting. Both schools are now aligned with respect to future renewal applications.

d. Ms. Secharan Departure

- At 5:23pm Ms. Fisher acknowledged the hard work of Ms. Secharan, Operations and Technology Manager, who will be leaving at the end of the week.

4. Governance Committee

a. Board Retreat

- At 5:28pm Ms. Garret provided an overview of the upcoming Board Retreat taking place on August 29th.

5. Executive Session

a. Executive Director Performance and Contract Discussion

- **Action:** At 5:32pm Ms. Lainer motioned to move the meeting into Executive Session to discuss the Executive Director's Performance and Contract. Ms. Garrett seconded the motion in which the Board voted and moving the meeting to Executive Session was unanimously approved.
- **Action:** At 6:02pm Mr. Baum motioned to move the meeting out of Executive session. Mr. Hartman seconded the motion in which the Board voted and moving the meeting out of Executive Session was unanimously approved.

6. Closing Items

a. Adjourn Meeting

- At 6:53pm Ms. Lainer motioned to adjourn the July 11th, 2022 Board meeting. Ms. Sandler seconded the motion in which the Board voted and adjourning the meeting was unanimously approved.