

**Meeting of the Board of Trustees of
Young Scholars Charter School (“YSCS”)
September 14, 2016**

The meeting was convened on September 14, 2016 at 3:47 pm at Young Scholars Charter School. This Board of Trustees meeting was held in accordance with Public Meeting Law i/a/w/ Section 4 of the Sunshine Act. Attending in person or by phone were Trustees Tom Rebar, Carmon Harvey, Kevin Kan, Dana Dwirantwi, James Egan and Board Chair Wayne Weisman. In addition to the Trustees, the meeting included guests from Young Scholars Melissa Campbell, John Amenda and Tracey Geller; 6th grade student Tajir Smith, his mother Ms. Smith, and his siblings; and Kevin Corcoran from Charter Choices.

The meeting began with a welcome from Executive Director, Mr. Amenda and a review of the meeting’s agenda. Mr. Amenda then introduced a Young Scholars Charter School student, Tajir Smith, who shared details of his beginning weeks as an incoming 6th grader. His mother, Ms. Smith, also spoke. Both highlighted positive experiences from the start of the year.

Ms. Campbell, School Director, presented a beginning-of-year update. She emphasized the team’s investment in school culture, focus on social and emotional learning, and regular use of student data to help improve academic practice. Mr. John Amenda provided a high-level update regarding key school management activities from September through November.

Mr. Weisman then informed the Board that he and Mr. Chuck Freyer (Scholar Academies Board member) would work together on finalizing the Assignment and Assumption Agreement with Paul Robeson Charter School. At the last meeting, Mr. Weisman was given the authority to finalize and execute the agreement.

Mr. Weisman moved on to discuss development. The Board continued the conversation from the last meeting around fundraising options, including revamping the annual Art Auction event, and submitting grant proposals. Mr. Weisman emphasized the need for new Board members to join the Development Committee. Mr. Amenda mentioned applying to expand the Young Scholars Charter to include 5th grade, which would increase revenue in future years.

Next, Mr. Weisman presented credentials of several potential new Board members; Mr. Weisman will send the resume of one candidate to Carmon Harvey for review. He also referenced two members of the Scholar Academies Board who may be interested in joining the Young Scholars Board after the formal dissolution of Scholar Academies.

Mr. Kevin Corcoran from Charter Choices provided an update on an outstanding financial matter related to funds owed from Mastery Charter School. He also presented an overview of the items discussed at the Finance Committee meeting earlier in the week.

Finally, Mr. Amenda requested that all Board members send an updated resume or bio to himself or Tracey Geller by October 1, 2016 in order to meet a compliance requirement.

Mr. Weisman then turned to Committee Reports.

Mr. Kevin Kan of the School Performance Committee urged Board members to consider joining the Performance Committee. Mr. Amenda then presented the proposed 2016-17 Evergreen Goals. The Board discussed Mr. Amenda making adjustments to three of these goals to ensure they are attainable.

Mr. Tom Rebar of the Finance and Audit Committee referred back to the information already provided by Kevin Corcoran relating to YSCS's finances.

Mr. Weisman then moved the Board to resolutions and consent agenda items.

The Board then considered for approval the 2016-17 Evergreen Goals, the August 10, 2016 Board meeting minutes, and 3 separate policies: Volunteer Policy, Public Participation Policy, and Enrollment Policy. The motions were seconded and unanimously approved.

Mr. Weisman then opened the floor for public comment. There was no public comment.

At 4:32, the Board adjourned to an Executive Session to discuss privileged and confidential legal matters; this session lasted until 4:46 p.m.

Mr. Weisman adjourned the meeting at 4:46 p.m.