

# Nuasin Next Generation Charter School

## Minutes

### Monthly Nuasin Board Meeting

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#### **Date and Time**

Saturday July 22, 2023 at 3:15 PM

#### **Location**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://metlcs.zoom.us/j/92229492418?pwd=N1lQUmJtbTJjb284dkhwRndZRFU5QT09>

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#### **Mission**

At Nuasin Next Generation, we believe in the unlimited talent and intellectual potential of our scholars and our community. We cultivate this talent and intellectual potential through a progressive education that focuses on deep exploration, thoughtful questioning, relentless curiosity and critical thinking. Nuasin Next Generation Charter School implements a progressive K-12 educational program and an unyielding commitment to cultivating our scholars' innate intellectual talents to empower our graduates to achieve excellence in their postsecondary paths and make positive impacts on the broader community. Every single one of our scholars have the potential to be great and change the world, at Nuasin Next Generation we prepare our scholars for that opportunity.

#### **3 Pillars**

The Mission of Nuasin Next Generation stands firmly on the foundation of our three pillars: Rigor, Self-Advocacy, and Community. These three pillars are the guiding principles for our school and culture. Please find a deeper explanation of our pillars below.

#### **Rigor:**

We use the word "rigor" not in the stringent or inflexible sense, but in the sense of an unyielding need to challenge and push our scholars because we understand and believe in the potential,

talent, and ability of our scholars and community. We challenge our scholars to build their confidence and help them realize what they can achieve.

**Self-Advocacy:**

Our scholars are empowered to advocate for themselves, their families, and their communities. As our scholars come to understand that their voices are valued and needed, they learn to advocate for themselves. Our scholars are seen and valued; they understand that not only do they have the right to express their opinions, views, and perspectives, but it is their obligation to do so.

**Community:**

Our scholars will embrace community and understand that as a member of a community you have certain inalienable rights, the right to be seen, the right to be heard, the right to be protected and the right to be loved and cherished. Our scholars will also learn of their obligations. As a member of a community you have the obligation to respect, listen, support and only want and assume the best in all others. Every member of our community must understand that they are active participants in the Nuasin community and the community goes as we go.

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**Trustees Present**

A. Bothner, E. Chen, J. Scott, K. Brisseau, S. Huda, S. Pressley, T. Bryan

**Trustees Absent**

A. Khanyile, C. Barnes-Watson, J. Boulet, K. Shabazz, M. Dorrie

**Ex Officio Members Present**

M. Russell

**Non Voting Members Present**

M. Russell

**Guests Present**

G. Borja, K. Davidson, M. Alston, S. Kochar

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**I. Opening Items**

**A. Record Attendance and Guests**

**B. Call the Meeting to Order**

A. Bothner called a meeting of the board of trustees of Nuasin Next Generation Charter School to order on Saturday Jul 22, 2023 at 3:38 PM.

**C. Review the Agenda**

MR reviews the agenda for the afternoon.

**II. Mission and Pillars Board Reflection**

**A. Rigor**

MR reports that AB discussed Rigor during the morning portion when he examined Board positions and how each position is relative to the organizational health.

**III. Finance Committee Updates**

**A. General Updates**

MA spoke about updates on the audit taking place and the different items they are providing to the audit team.

**B. Quarterly Investment Report**

JK spoke about the investments and discusses strategies on how we will use these funds in the future. Overall investment value is 5.12M

**C. Strategic Goals 2023-2024**

SP discusses wins for last year and thanks EC for wedding event. Change in bank accounts allowed us to decrease bank fees. we continue to be transparent with our reporting. SP thanks the Finance committee team. We are in an establishment to mode for the year ahead. AB reminds everyone that we will be voting on structure for the next meeting. SP discusses forming a new board dedicated to expansion efforts. They will focus on expansion and funding for expansion. AB suggests using the Expansion Committee, AB suggests AB, SP, JS as a foundation for the committee.

**IV. Education Committee Updates**

**A. Education Update**

EC reports there are no changes, PALS have done well providing a high level report.

**V. External Relations Committee Update**

**A. External Relations Update**

AB reports no changes

**VI. Governance Committee Update**

**A. Approve May 2023 Board Meeting Minutes**

AB reports this will be completed at August meeting

**B. Trustee Goal Setting Reflection**

**C. 2023-2024 Policy Review**

A. Bothner made a motion to Approve adoption of policies for '23-'24 year.

E. Chen seconded the motion.

Voting to adopt policy.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

**VII. Nominating Committee Update**

**A. Nominating Committee Update**

CB has created a board matrix to help us create a diverse board and will impact how we hire for the board. The link is available for everyone to complete during the meeting.

**VIII. Public Comments**

**A. Public Comments**

No public comments at this time

**IX. Closing Items**

**A. Adjourn Meeting**

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 4:03 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

A. Bothner