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**Vertus**  
HIGH SCHOOL

## Vertus High School

### Minutes

#### Board Meeting

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##### **Date and Time**

Tuesday March 18, 2025 at 5:00 PM

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##### **Trustees Present**

C. Gantt, D. Johnson, D. Paul, E. Gallina, J. O'Connell, S. Ash, S. David-West, V. VanVoorhis

##### **Trustees Absent**

M. Mandina

##### **Ex Officio Members Present**

J. Locey

##### **Non Voting Members Present**

J. Locey

##### **Guests Present**

A. Brisson, L. Bennett

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#### **I. Opening Items**

**A. Record Attendance**

**B. Call the Meeting to Order**

V. VanVoorhis called a meeting of the board of trustees of Vertus High School to order on Tuesday Mar 18, 2025 at 5:09 PM.

### **C. Approve Minutes**

C. Gantt made a motion to approve the minutes from Board Meeting on 02-11-25.

D. Johnson seconded the motion.

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

## **II. Finance**

### **A. Budget vs Actual & Cash Flow**

The Finance Committee reported that after budget adjustments, the school is now projected to finish the year in a near break even cash position, rather than the original projected deficit.

## **III. Discussion Items**

### **A. Expansion Update/Timeline**

The expansion timeline was set for 2021.

- Leases are set to expire in June 2026.
- The monthly rent for a 5-year term was calculated as 46,383, while the current rent is 45,083.33.
- Expansion needs were discussed.
- The SWBR feasibility study room requirements were noted.
- The space requirements were specified as 91,507 sqf for middle school and high school.
- There will be a walkthrough of EMCHCS on March 26, and instructions were given that no construction company is being used.
- SLT preference is to go with NEW Charter and to go with Letter of Intent (3 weeks out for deadline).

### **B. Fourth Year projections/update**

4th Year Projections 2021 Cohort.

- Current roster: 72 students.
- Early graduates: 12 students.
- High school equipment: 2 students.
- Dropouts: 4 students.
- Total cohort.
- On track credits: 61 students (81%).
- On track credits and regents: 53 students (72%).
- Students needing 3 regents: 6 students.
- Will not graduate: 8 students.

#### **IV. Committee Reporting**

##### **A. Governance Report**

##### **B. Alison Bell Nomination**

S. Ash made a motion to Vertus Charter School Board of Trustees, having conducted a thorough criminal history record check via fingerprinting, which is deemed acceptable by NYSED, and having discovered no State or federal criminal history, or having provided information regarding such history to NYSED, if found, and having verified that any academic and/or professional credential or qualification presented by the proposed member is genuine, and having reviewed the application in its entirety, has voted to select Alison Bell as a member to its Board of Trustees, with a term expiring on the third anniversary of her seating pending approval by NYSED. The resolution approving Alison Bell is adopted upon NYSED's approval.

D. Johnson seconded the motion.

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

##### **C. Jeff Wynn Nomination**

E. Gallina made a motion to Vertus Charter School Board of Trustees, having conducted a thorough criminal history record check via fingerprinting, which is deemed acceptable by NYSED, and having discovered no State or federal criminal history, or having provided information regarding such history to NYSED, if found, and having verified that any academic and/or professional credential or qualification presented by the proposed member is genuine, and having reviewed the application in its entirety, has voted to select Jeff Wynn as a member to its Board of Trustees, with a term expiring on the third anniversary of his seating pending approval by NYSED. The resolution approving Jeff Wynn is adopted upon NYSED's approval.

D. Johnson seconded the motion.

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

#### **V. Closing Items**

##### **A. New Action Item Review & Report Out**

##### **B. Adjourn Meeting**

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:16 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

V. VanVoorhis

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