



# The Charter High School for Law and Social Justice (CHSLSJ)

## **Minutes**

Nov. 19, 2020

#### **Date and Time**

Thursday November 19, 2020 at 6:00 PM

#### **Directors Present**

D. O'Rourke (remote), J. Azriliant (remote), J. Callahan (remote), J. Saunders (remote), L. Tse (remote), R. Marsico (remote)

#### **Directors Absent**

C. Bannerman

#### **Guests Present**

R. Burke (remote), S. Fuentes (remote)

## I. Opening Items

#### A. Record Attendance

## B. Call the Meeting to Order

J. Callahan called a meeting of the board of directors of The Charter High School for Law and Social Justice (CHSLSJ) to order on Thursday Nov 19, 2020 at 6:10 PM.

Mr. Callahan mentioned that Sarah Fuentes would be a member at the December meeting since it has been 45 days without hearing from the SED

C.

## **Approve Minutes**

- J. Callahan made a motion to approve the minutes from Oct. 15, 2020 on 10-15-20.
- R. Marsico seconded the motion.

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

#### II. Financials

#### A. Financials

Mr. Burke began reviewing the financials and shared his screen. He reviewed the new additional report with charts and graphs. Mr. Burke reported that our finances are in good shape. Mr. Burke mentioned that there had been a Finance Committee phone call earlier in the week that went into great detail on the financials.

It was noted that our accountant's advice is to wait for the submittal of the forgiveness portion of the PPP loan, waiting for clarification of some issues. This will have no impact on our fiscal year, which ends June 30.

#### **III. Executive Director**

#### A. School Updates

Mr. Burke reported that the quarter was ending and the report cards were being put in this week, and then we would have Zoom Parent-Teacher Conferences.

Mr. Burke reviewed the Dashboard and mentioned that he had shared the report by Shared Space on their classroom visits and that the Academic Committee was going to have Izzy and Nicole Galantee attend their next meeting.

Mr. Burke reviewed parts of the Dashboard, and the question came up about graduates. Mr. Burke mentioned that we try to reach out and see how they are doing. The plan had been to hold a party around Christmas time at the school but with the pandemic out to do a Zoom meeting to get graduates to come back and get their information.

Mr. Burke spoke about the partnership with CMSV and the student teachers. Mr. Burke said that the program was going so well that Dean Sullivan asked if we could take three more, which we will in the Spring. Mr. Burke talked about the Law classes with NY Law School and how they are being received very positively by our scholars.

It was noted that a teacher was currently under consideration to fill the only opening, a SPED position.

## IV. Chairman Report

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#### Report

Mr. Callahan opened by discussing the change in IP and that we had sent in the documentation, and Vickie Smith was going to get back to us. Mr. Callahan then reported about the Governance Committee meeting and that the Committee was going to look into Board training and that Sarah Richmond will join the December Board meeting from 7-8 to review Board training.

Mr. Callahan then went into some of the Friends of items about the construction next year in the back yard and basement.

Mr. Callahan noted that the School, Church, and everyone else associated with the school had been served with legal action against them from a former student who was jumped by some gang members outside the Church. Mr. Callahan informed the Board that the insurance company was handling it and our insurance covers all costs.

#### V. Committe Reports

#### A. Finance

Mr. Callahan reported that we had discussed the Finance Committee earlier, and there was a meeting this past Tuesday.

## B. Academic

Mr. Saunders mentioned that they would meet in December, and Shared Space would make a presentation.

## C. Fundraising

Mr. Callahan and the Board discussed fundraising and Mr. Burke informed them that he had sent a draft of a Development/Fundraising proposal, and the Fundraising members said they had received it and would discuss it later.

#### D. Governance

#### VI. Public Statements

#### A. Statements from Members of the Public

Mr. Callahan then said there were no public members to make a statement, so he mentioned they did not need an Executive Session.

## VII. 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 7:35 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

R. Marsico

Next Meeting: December 17, 2020, 6:00 PM

## Documents used during the meeting

October Board Minutes.pdf

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