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# Atlanta Neighborhood Charter School

## Minutes

### Board Meeting

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#### **Date and Time**

Tuesday February 28, 2017 at 6:30 PM

#### **Location**

ANCS Elementary Campus - 688 Grant St 30315

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*Notice of this meeting was posted at each campus and on the ANCS website in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1.*

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#### **Directors Present**

Eric Teusink, Joyce Gist Lewis, Leigh Finlayson, Lia Santos, Meeghan Fortson, Melissa McKay-Hagan, Mitch White, Narin Hassan, Nicholas Chiles, Philippe Pellerin, Ryan Camp, Tiffany Mitchell (remote)

#### **Directors Absent**

Tara Stoinski

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

Matt Underwood

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

Matt Underwood

#### **Guests Present**

Anisha Kollarik, Brian Fletcher, Cathey Goodgame, Elizabeth Hearn, Jim Alley, Joy Prince, Kari Lovell, Kari Lovell, Kristen German, Lara Zelski, Lesley Michaels, Mark Sanders, Maya Jenkins,

Michelle Robinson, Molly Griffith, Molly Kent, Quinton Washington, Rashid Irani, Reginald Weekes, Ronica Brown, Shaun Yurcaba, Suzanne Welander, Tonya Gibson

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## **I. Opening Items**

### **A. Record Attendance and Guests**

### **B. Call the Meeting to Order**

Matt Underwood called a meeting of the board of directors of Atlanta Neighborhood Charter School to order on Tuesday Feb 28, 2017 at 6:40 PM.

### **C. Approve Minutes from December 2016 Board Meeting**

Melissa McKay-Hagan made a motion to approve minutes from the Board Meeting on 12-13-16 Board Meeting on 12-13-16.

Ryan Camp seconded the motion.

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

### **D. Approve Minutes from Prior Board Meeting**

Melissa McKay-Hagan made a motion to approve minutes from the Board Meeting on 01-17-17 Board Meeting on 01-17-17.

Eric Teusink seconded the motion.

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

### **E. PTCA Report**

Joy Prince, the PTCA president presented the PTCA report. She mentioned the success of Bingo night, and the Mini Grants given to teachers. PTCA is now preparing a dine-out in conjunction with the middle campus, and Run with the Wolves. Presented the possibility of adding a Social Media person for PTCA. Looking for new PTCA officers for next year.

### **F. Principals' Open Forum**

Lara Zelski: At the Elementary Campus parents, teachers, and students have been sharing in morning meeting about black history. The teachers are preparing for the second round of conferences. The school is looking into a more digital way for pick up in car riders.

Cathey Goodgame: At the middle campus there was a day set aside specifically for black history along with black history being taught throughout the year. There was also a special lunch in honor of black history at both campuses. Students are playing sports and preparing for the school musical.

## II. Old Business

### A. 2017-18 School Year Calendar

Eric Teusink made a motion to Approve the 2016/2017 school calendar.

Tara Stoinski seconded the motion.

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

### B. FY17 Budget Amendment

Some changes were made to the budget, and are highlighted. Some major changes include changing the line item for Atlanta beltline, Grants to Green (possibility of solar panels over the parking lot), the middle campus has started collecting supply fees, there has been a change to the wellness program, and has switched to an in-house wellness program. Lesley Michaels then presented on the In-house wellness program for teachers and staff (see packet) Will be reviewed by a committee. If this is a good fit, a company could do this in the future. More money is going into renovating the basement of the middle campus. Electric, gas, and water bill have been decreasing due to Grants to Green.

Leigh Finlayson made a motion to Approve the amended budget.

Philippe Pellerin seconded the motion.

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

## III. Executive Director's Report

### A. 2017-18 SY Enrollment Update

Matt Underwood presented the outreach activities that have occurred in anticipation of 2017-2018 enrollment and lottery. 520 new applications have been received (this includes siblings) as of February 23rd.

### B. CREATE Teacher Residency Program Update

Elizabeth Hearn gave the quarterly update on the CREATE Program: New cognitively based compassion training started at King Middle School today. CREATE administration team just returned from a conference about training new teachers. Forty two new teacher residents looking to get jobs. Focusing on four core teaching practices. Aiming to improve the experience for new teachers.

### C. IB MYP Candidacy Update

Cathey Goodgame gave the quarterly update on ANCS's IB Middle Years Programme candidacy phase. In anticipation of IB the middle school schedule has to change. Starting next year students will take Spanish all year long, and take a class called Design. The new report system was generally successful. 5 teachers did an online training for IB.

Information sessions for parents have continued. Hoping to be authorized in the Fall of 2018 (2 years of implementing then authorization).

#### **IV. Business & Operations**

##### **A. Monthly financial statements & reports**

Ryan Camp presented the monthly financial statements and report. Budget is well on track for the month.

#### **V. Fund Development**

##### **A. Monthly fund development report**

Narin Hassan presented the monthly Fund Development report. A little bit higher in funds than normal. The donation deadline for silent auction items was extended for the ANCS Auction. The Auction will be held on March 11.

#### **VI. Governance**

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

Lia Santos: The Governance committee met at the end of January to plan the mid-year retreat which took place on February 4. Met with Matt for mid-year review. A sub-committee continues to work on succession planning. The committee may look at faculty incentives based on tenure. The Nominations sub-committee is getting ready for interviews for open board positions for next year. Applications open until March 6.

#### **VII. Educational Excellence**

##### **A. Monthly Educational Excellence Report**

Tiffany Mitchell: (on phone) The Educational Excellence Committee met on the 22nd. Discussed MAP, and Nancy Lamb presented various versions of MAP for the committee. Next meeting on March 20.

##### **B. Public Affairs Subcommittee Report**

Eric Teusink: Government reform package that may impact ANCS is the statewide grant options for facilities. GA Charter school Association got together and took all of the charter pieces out, and turned it into another bill. The bill is now in second readers. No state-wide grant programs for charter schools.

#### **VIII. Executive Session**

##### **A. Executive Session**

No executive session

## IX. Closing Items

### A. Brief Meeting Reflection

### B. Adjourn Meeting

Mitch White made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Narin Hassan seconded the motion.

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

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 8:11 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Melissa McKay-Hagan