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# Atlanta Neighborhood Charter School

## Minutes

### ANCS Governing Board Meeting

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#### Date and Time

Tuesday May 19, 2020 at 6:30 PM

#### Location

Virtual Meeting

Meeting ID: [meet.google.com/ifj-hezr-dnu](https://meet.google.com/ifj-hezr-dnu)

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#### Directors Present

Emily Ormsby (remote), Eric Teusink (remote), Hanah Goldberg (remote), Howard Franklin (remote), Jason Rhodes (remote), Kristen Frenzel (remote), Kristi Malloy (remote), Laura Melton (remote), Lee Kynes (remote), Meeghan Fortson (remote), Nakia Echols (remote), Sabrina Sexton (remote)

#### Directors Absent

Jordache Avery

#### Guests Present

Barrett Krise, Carla Wells, Chuck Meadows (remote), Danny Duval, Paige Teusink (remote), Rhonda Collins, Sara Murphy, Toshia Meadows, Victoria Calvert

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#### I. Opening Items

**A. Record Attendance and Guests**

**B. Call the Meeting to Order**

Eric Teusink called a meeting of the board of directors of Atlanta Neighborhood Charter School to order on Tuesday May 19, 2020 at 6:36 PM.

**C. Public Comment**

No public comments.

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

Sabrina Sexton made a motion to approve the minutes from ANCS Governing Board Meeting on 04-21-20.

Kristen Frenzel seconded the motion.

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

**E. PTCA President Update**

See PTCA Report in Board Packet. Brittney Gove reported that the PTCA voted on their slate and approved budget for next year. Proposed revisions to the budget include charging for yearbooks and sharing the cost of Grandparents and Special Friends Day with Gather & Grow Fund. Events are planned as usual for August. New PTCA president Paige Teusink will start her term on June 1.

**F. Principals' Open Forum**

Principals are participating in 8th grade celebrations. Chuck Meadows will share their updates as part of Executive Director's report.

**II. Executive Director's Report**

**A. Executive Director's Report**

See Executive Director's report in Board Packet.

Chuck Meadows reported that a draft of the petition for charter renewal is complete and will be shared with K-8 leadership team and Educational Excellence Committee. Only major shift is a change to the lottery preferences. Board will discuss this tonight and vote on at June 25 meeting.

Chuck provided a review of the school's COVID-19 response and looking at options for next year. APS is considering a few different options. ANCS has autonomy as a charter. ANCS Leadership Team will begin to work on a plan after learning what APS will do, after Memorial Day. Chuck reported that later this summer, we will solicit parent feedback about their comfort level of returning in the fall. ANCS is consulting with pandemic experts

who are part of our school family, and any plan we develop will go through a review process by APS health advisory team. As of now, there is no plan to deviate from school calendar.

Chuck reported on the fiscal outlook for next year, including a 14% budget reduction at the state level, which will be passed down to school districts. Waiting on State and APS to adopt a budget. There are no changes to ANCS's budget as of now, with the caveat that there will be some shifts to discretionary funding. We should expect reductions to the FY22 budget.

## **B. Charter Renewal Update**

Charter Renewal Update included above.

## **III. Governance**

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

See governance committee report in board packet. Kristen Frenzel reported that we are slowly chipping away at policy review. A task force is looking at committee composition and support and will have a more detailed report at the June meeting. Board members should look for a Survey Monkey in a few weeks as part of the annual review of Executive Director.

### **B. Vote on Cost of Living Increase for Executive Director**

Kristen Frenzel made a motion to to increase the Executive Director's compensation by 3% of his annual salary for FY 2020-2021.

Sabrina Sexton seconded the motion.

The Governance Committee proposes this increase, which is consistent with the cost of living increases for all non-instructional staff. Effective July 1.

Note: Howard Franklin was not on the call at the time of the vote. He rejoined the call shortly after.

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

#### **Roll Call**

Jordache Avery	Absent
Howard Franklin	Absent
Jason Rhodes	Aye
Sabrina Sexton	Aye
Emily Ormsby	Aye
Meeghan Fortson	Aye
Eric Teusink	Aye
Nakia Echols	Aye
Laura Melton	Aye
Lee Kynes	Aye

#### **Roll Call**

Kristen Frenzel Aye

Kristi Malloy Aye

Hanah Goldberg Aye

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

#### **A. Monthly Business & Operations Report**

See Business and Operations report in board packet. Laura Melton reported that we have a strong balance as we move into the summer. PPP funds were approved and accepted but are not included in the cash balance. SBA has released application for funding relief, which we will be working on. Eric reported that the amount we received is under the \$2M threshold, which requires an audit, so it will be a less onerous process for the school. Tracking of funds report is attached to the B&O report.

Discussion about restricted funds.

#### **B. Facilities Update**

Laura and Chuck reported that the roof project will start a little earlier and will be complete by August. Intercom vendor has been approved and moving forward. Middle Campus project is ongoing.

### **V. Fund Development**

#### **A. Monthly Fund Development Report**

See Fund Development report in board packet. Meeghan Fortson reported that we have raised \$117K in cash and pledges for Gather & Grow Fund, which is behind where we typically are this time of year. We are focused on meeting the internal goal of \$140K by June 30. Messaging around special sub-campaign to raise resources to help ANCS families during pandemic. Fund Development Committee is helping reach out to top donors who haven't given yet; email and Facebook reminders will go out in June to remind donors to make their gift by June 30.

Fund Development Committee is discussing plans for next year's Auction.

### **VI. Educational Excellence**

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

Hanah Goldberg and Chuck Meadows presented on lottery and attendance zone considerations for our charter petition. Board will vote at next meeting. The Board discussed two options for a goal around socio-economic diversity. Discussed whether we should establish a fixed threshold (percentage of population) for 5-year period, or if we should establish an objective that floats with changes to the neighborhood, based on an

officially recognized and readily available stat (ex. poverty level in primary attendance zone). Discussion around tying this stat to the Jackson Cluster rather than our Primary Attendance Zone. Hanah confirmed that the deprioritization of siblings is no longer being considered as an option for ANCS.

Educational Excellence Committee will make a decision at next meeting (June 4 at 5:15pm; virtual meeting) and will present to the Board for a vote at June meeting. Board asked Chuck to share more data with the Board before vote.

#### **B. Discussion on Lottery Preferences**

See above.

#### **C. Public Affairs Subcommittee Report**

Howard reported that the Atlanta Board of Education approved Lisa Herring as the new superintendent in an 8 to 1 vote. State legislative session is reconvening in June to pass budget.

### **VII. Executive Session**

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

Eric Teusink made a motion to to move into Executive Session to discuss personnel related matters.

Meeghan Fortson seconded the motion.

The purpose of the Executive Session was to review confidential minutes from the April 21, 2020 Executive Session.

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

The board moved into Executive Session at 7:55 pm to discuss personnel related matters. Board members called in on a private teleconferencing number.

The board came out of Executive Session at 8:04 pm and called back into the regular meeting teleconferencing number at 8:06 pm.

### **VIII. New Business**

#### **A. Vote to Approve Executive Session Minutes**

Sabrina Sexton made a motion to approve minutes from the Executive Session on April 21, 2020.

Jason Rhodes seconded the motion.

These confidential minutes were reviewed by the Board during executive session.

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

#### **B. Faculty/Staff Recognition**

Kristen reminded board members about Fac/Staff tribute.

Discussion about onboarding new board members.

## **IX. Closing Items**

### **A. Adjourn Meeting**

Kristen Frenzel made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Sabrina Sexton 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,  
Meeghan Fortson