



American Dream Charter School

Minutes

ADCS Board of Trustees Monthly Meeting

Date and Time

Monday March 20, 2023 at 5:30 PM

Trustees Present

L. Rojas (remote), P. Simon (remote), R. Espinal (remote), Z. Martinez (remote)

Trustees Absent

A. Cabrera, T. Hernandez

Guests Present

C. Miranda, M. Melkonian (remote), N. Gallagher (remote)

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

L. Rojas called a meeting of the board of trustees of American Dream Charter School to order on Monday Mar 20, 2023 at 5:38 PM.

C. Approve Minutes

L. Rojas made a motion to approve the minutes from ADCS Board of Trustees Monthly Meeting on 02-27-23.

P. Simon seconded the motion.

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

II. Educational Success

A. BENCHMARK 1: Student Performance

B. BENCHMARK 2: Teaching and Learning

SY23-24 Academic School Calendar (M. Melkonian)

- 185 School Days
- First 2 weeks Leadership & Teacher Academy (Professional Development)
- Will send this to everyone after approved by Board of Trustees.

L. Rojas made a motion to approve school calendar for 2023 - 2024.

R. Espinal seconded the motion.

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

C. BENCHMARK 3: Culture, Climate, and Student and Family Engagement

III. Organizational Soundness

A. BENCHMARK 4: Financial Condition

- All accounts balances reviewed.

B. BENCHMARK 5: Financial Management

- Tax return must be approved by ADCS Board before submission of tax return.

R. Espinal made a motion to approve the 2022 tax return forms to be filed.

P. Simon seconded the motion.

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

C. BENCHMARK 6: Board Oversight and Governance

- Board Member Term Renewal
 - L. Rojas - last term was 3 years.
 - Z. Martinez - last term was 3 years.
 - A. Cabrera - last term was 1 year.
- BoardServe NY (N. Gallagher)
 - Requested Board assistance with exploration for candidates to join the board in particular individuals with expertise in: Law and Real Estate.
 - P. Simon and L. Rojas volunteered to look at the site and search for resumes.
 - N. Gallagher will share the website with them and Job Description.

- In April's BoT meeting P. Simon and L. Rojas can bring their findings of prospective candidates.
 - P. Simon and L. Rojas will work together on making sure the proper candidates are vetted properly.

R. Espinal made a motion to approve Luz Rojas as chair board for 3 years.

P. Simon seconded the motion.

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

R. Espinal made a motion to approve Zuleika Martinez as board membership for 3 years.

P. Simon seconded the motion.

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

D. BENCHMARK 7: Organizational Capacity

IV. Other Business

A. Other Updates

M. Melkonian/N. Gallagher

- Salary Schedule
 - Spring bonus was provided to staff on 3/17/23.
 - Approval from last BoT meeting for salary adjustments.
- SpEd and Recruitment
 - Vanguard mailings went out to households and banners for SpEd services when we go to recruit.
 - SchoolMint Applications (307):
 - 6th: 163
 - 7th: 31
 - 8th: 34
 - 9th: 414
 - 10th: 36
 - 11th: 24
 - 12th: 15

V. 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 6:07 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
L. Rojas