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## American Dream Charter School

### Minutes

#### ADCS Board of Trustees Monthly Meeting

SY22-23

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#### Date and Time

Monday June 12, 2023 at 5:30 PM

#### Location

American Dream Charter School

403 Concord Ave, Bronx, NY 10454, USA, <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3880187236>

Hybrid Virtual

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#### Trustees Present

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

#### Trustees Absent

T. Hernandez

#### Guests Present

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

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#### I. Opening Items

##### A. Record Attendance

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

R. Espinal called a meeting of the board of trustees of American Dream Charter School to order on Monday Jun 12, 2023 at 5:36 PM.

### **C. Approve Minutes**

R. Espinal made a motion to approve the minutes from ADCS Board of Trustees Monthly Meeting on 05-15-23.

Z. Martinez seconded the motion.

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

## **II. Educational Success**

### **A. BENCHMARK 1: Student Performance**

M. Melkonian

- 8th graders completed science exam.
- Wednesday we are starting Regents exams.
- Regents data by end of June'23.
- 8th grade data in Fall'23.

### **B. BENCHMARK 2: Teaching and Learning**

M. Melkonian

- Last week of instruction.
- 8th graders currently in June Minimester. Journaling and traveling.
- Bilingual discussion for staff will speak about in the near future.

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

M. Melkonian

- Highlight EOY School Events/Ceremonies.
  - MS 8th Grade Moving Up Ceremony - June 22nd
- HS Graduation - June 23rd
  - Will be present:
    - Charter School Office Executive Director Dr. Lisa Long & Regent Amina Ferrera
    - Civic Builders and others
    - R. Espinal & L. Rojas with guests
    - P. Simon & A. Cabrera unsure if attending

## **III. Organizational Soundness**

### **A. BENCHMARK 4: Financial Condition**

N. Gallagher

- All account balances reviewed.

Accounting Solutions NY D. Bahl & A. Liu

- Review Board Report with Board of Trustees this evening.

## **B. BENCHMARK 5: Financial Management**

## **C. BENCHMARK 6: Board Oversight and Governance**

- M. Melkonian - RENEWAL
  - Annual Board Evaluation L. Rojas will meet with Board of Trustees to have an Executive Session to complete the evaluation for SY22-23.
  - Set to have our renewal application in for August 15, 2023.

N. Gallagher

- Guidance and advised to continue a practice of Strategic Planning.
- N. Gallagher will create a tool with L. Rojas approval so this can be completed by the Board of Trustees.
- SY23-24 to gather the initial thoughts of planning for next year.

N. Gallagher

- Board Serve NY
  - 6 resumes
  - S. Espinal will make follow up calls to the 4 candidates to see if they're interested in ADCS to join the Board.
  - P. Simon asked to collect 5 - 6 resumes before July'23 Board Meeting.
    - Seeking 5 - 10 years of experience.
    - Looked at \$20M+ if they have \$10M placed in the filter.

Fiesta for Firsts (6/13/23)

- L. Rojas - purchased tickets
- R. Espinal & P. Simon will be in attendance.

## **D. BENCHMARK 7: Organizational Capacity**

## **IV. Faithfulness to Charter & Law**

### **A.**

## **BENCHMARK 8: Mission and Key Design Elements**

M. Melkonian

- Received \$260k grant to run Summer Boost.
- Must submit a material revision.
- N. Gallagher will submit this in to NYSED.
- This is a new requirement to run the program with charter revision.

## **B. BENCHMARK 9: Enrollment, Recruitment, and Retention**

C. Miranda

Reviewed 6 - 12 grade School Mint enrollment numbers.

- 6th Grade:
  - Offered - 18
  - Accepted - 3
  - In Progress - 7
  - Completed - 75
- 7th Grade:
  - Offered - 2
  - In Progress - 2
- 8th Grade:
  - In Progress - 1
- 9th Grade:
  - In Progress - 2
  - Completed - 11

## **C. BENCHMARK 10: Legal Compliance**

### **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 5:57 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
R. Espinal