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**Springfield Prep**  
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## Springfield Prep

# Minutes

## Academic Achievement Committee Meeting

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### **Date and Time**

Thursday October 17, 2019 at 8:00 AM

### **Location**

594 Converse St. Longmeadow, MA 01106

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This meeting of the Springfield Prep Charter School Academic Achievement Committee will be held at 594 Converse St., Longmeadow, MA on 10/17/19 at 8 am. Meeting notice was posted on the school's website ([www.springfieldprep.org](http://www.springfieldprep.org)) on 10/15/19 at 8 am.

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### **Committee Members Present**

J. Pistorius, S. Balogun

### **Committee Members Absent**

K. Molina

### **Guests Present**

B. Spirer, C. Perry, J. Yiannos, S. Leslie, W. Soref

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## **I. Opening Items**

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

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

S. Balogun called a meeting of the Academic Achievement Committee of Springfield Prep to order on Thursday Oct 17, 2019 at 8:09 AM.

## **II. Committee Business**

**A. Approve June 2019 minutes**

J. Pistorius made a motion to approve the minutes from Academic Achievement Committee Meeting on 06-12-19.

S. Balogun seconded the motion.

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

**B. Elect Committee Chair**

J. Pistorius made a motion to elect Sherriff Balogun as the Chair of the Academic Achievement Committee.

S. Balogun seconded the motion.

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

**III. Academic Achievement**

**A. 2019 MCAS & Accountability Report**

The Committee reviewed the school's 2019 MCAS data and Accountability Report. Overall, the school performance data was very strong. Historically underserved students outperformed state averages. The lowest-performing subgroup (lowest-performing students) had a scale score of about 500 (state). The school has been identified as a School of Recognition for High Growth and Exceeding Targets. The school is ranked in the 93rd percentile of schools.

The committee reviewed MCAS data in detail. 69% met/exceeded in ELA (17% higher than the state) while 72% met/exceeded in Math (23% higher than the state). These scores place the school in the top 10% of school performance in the state. The school's 4th-grade cohort in ELA performed in the top 8% of the state and in the top 4% of districts in Math. The 3rd-grade cohort also performed well, exceeding state averages in both Math and ELA (ranking in the top 21% and 42% respectively).

The committee discussed the key drivers of the school's performance last school year. The committee highlighted areas for growth for this school year, including the school's Students with Disabilities subgroup. The committee reviewed student growth data - the 4th grade Math SGP ranked in the top 3% of districts and the 4th grade ELA SGP ranked in the top 20% of districts. The committee reviewed the performance of historically underserved subgroups. The committee discussed how to present results to the larger board: historically underserved groups, year-over-year performance, state accountability report, and naming the School of Recognition achievement. Sherriff will present these results to the full board at the October board meeting.

**B. Academic Achievement Dashboard Review**

The dashboard was not discussed this month due to the MCAS Results discussion.

#### **IV. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion**

##### **A. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Statement Draft**

The committee reviewed the current draft of the school's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) statement.

#### **V. Closing Items**

##### **A. Academic Achievement Committee Board Report**

Sherriff will present highlights from this meeting to the Board.

##### **B. Next Academic Achievement Committee Meeting**

The next meeting will be November 20th, 2019 at 8 AM.

##### **C. Adjourn Meeting**

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 9:06 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
B. Spirer

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#### **Documents used during the meeting**

- Academic Dashboard for Board - Oct. 2019.pdf
- MCAS & Accountability Report 2019.pdf
- DEI Statement - DRAFT.pdf