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# Explorations Charter School

## Minutes

### Governing Board Regular Meeting

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**Date and Time**

Tuesday August 20, 2024 at 5:30 PM

**Location**

Virtual

Governing Board Meeting

Tuesday, August 20 · 5:30 – 6:30pm

Time zone: America/New\_York

Google Meet joining info

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/knh-oeyu-pcf>

Or dial: (US) +1 716-259-2405 PIN: 395 259 980#

More phone numbers: <https://tel.meet/knh-oeyu-pcf?pin=3358485543974>

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**Directors Present**

Ginni Block, Kali Blakeslee, Lori Noto, Robert Peterson, Sarah Annis Haynes

**Directors Absent**

Bryan Raydenbow, Hilary Paden

**Guests Present**

Greg Skinner, Jill Johnson, Joe White

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**I. Opening Items**

**A.**

## Record Attendance

### B. Call the Meeting to Order

Sarah Annis Haynes called a meeting of the board of directors of Explorations Charter School to order on Tuesday Aug 20, 2024 at 5:37 PM.

### C. Approve Minutes - 08/03/24

Ginni Block made a motion to approve the minutes from Board Retreat - Summer 2024 on 08-03-24.

Lori Noto seconded the motion.

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

#### Roll Call

|                    |        |
|--------------------|--------|
| Ginni Block        | Aye    |
| Kali Blakeslee     | Aye    |
| Hilary Paden       | Absent |
| Lori Noto          | Aye    |
| Bryan Raydenbow    | Absent |
| Robert Peterson    | Aye    |
| Sarah Annis Haynes | Aye    |

### D. Approve Minutes - 6/18/2024

Ginni Block made a motion to approve the minutes from Governing Board Regular Meeting on 06-18-24.

Lori Noto seconded the motion.

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

#### Roll Call

|                    |        |
|--------------------|--------|
| Hilary Paden       | Absent |
| Kali Blakeslee     | Aye    |
| Ginni Block        | Aye    |
| Lori Noto          | Aye    |
| Sarah Annis Haynes | Aye    |
| Robert Peterson    | Aye    |
| Bryan Raydenbow    | Absent |

## II. Board Officers Election

### A. 2024-2025 Officers

Robert Peterson Chair

Sarah Haynes Co-Chair, and Secretary

Ginni Block, Treasurer

Lori Noto made a motion to accept 2024-2025 Officer Ballot.

Kali Blakeslee seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

|                    |        |
|--------------------|--------|
| Lori Noto          | Aye    |
| Hilary Paden       | Absent |
| Sarah Annis Haynes | Aye    |
| Bryan Raydenbow    | Absent |
| Robert Peterson    | Aye    |
| Kali Blakeslee     | Aye    |
| Ginni Block        | Aye    |

**III. School News**

**A. Charter Renewal Update**

Bill, Joe and Jill met with the State of CT. Next meeting in October.  
Four students have dual enrollment last year and this year.

**B. General Updates**

1. Staffing - No art teacher at the moment. Lots of feelers are out at the moment: NW Community College, 5 Points Art Gallery
2. Enrollment - 75 students, interviewed 2 more so up to 77
3. Bylaws Creation Meeting needed - Ginni, Sarah and Jill to meet

**IV. Policy Committee**

**A. Menstrual Equity Policy**

Baskets with supplies will be put in all the bathrooms. Signs will be added if out of supplies to see the nurse and/or Colleen in the office.

**B. Policies to Approve**

Ginni Block made a motion to approve Policy 5113.2 Truancy/Unexcused Absences.  
Sarah Annis Haynes seconded the motion.  
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

|                    |        |
|--------------------|--------|
| Robert Peterson    | Aye    |
| Hilary Paden       | Absent |
| Bryan Raydenbow    | Absent |
| Sarah Annis Haynes | Aye    |
| Lori Noto          | Aye    |
| Ginni Block        | Aye    |
| Kali Blakeslee     | Aye    |

**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 6:29 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Sarah Annis Haynes

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

*None*