



Howard University Public Charter Middle School

Minutes

HUMS2 Board Meeting

Date and Time

Wednesday January 29, 2025 at 6:00 PM

The Howard University Public Charter Middle School of Mathematics and Science will conduct its quarterly board meeting virtually via Zoom. This is a public meeting as per **The District of Columbia Open Meetings Act**.

Directors Present

B. DeBreaux-Watts (remote), B. Stokes (remote), C. Campbell (remote), D. Bennett (remote), D. Niec-Williams (remote), L. Smith (remote), N. Motley (remote), T. Robinson (remote), T. Sykes (remote), W. Johns (remote)

Directors Absent

W. Pace-Lewis

Guests Present

K. Procope, kemia.edwrds@hu-ms2.org (remote), mmesterharm@ed-ops.com (remote), talia.Robinson@hu.ms2.org (remote)

I. Opening Items

A. Call the Meeting to Order

B. Record Attendance

W. Johns called a meeting of the board of directors of Howard University Public Charter Middle School to order on Wednesday Jan 29, 2025 at 6:05 PM.

C. Approve Minutes

L. Smith made a motion to approve the minutes from October 9, 2024 Q1 Board Meeting 2024-2025 on 10-09-24.

D. Niec-Williams seconded the motion.

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

II. Financial Review

A. Financial Report

- M. Mesterharm of Ed-Ops reviewed the budget to actuals. The school has a strong cash position and is trending on budget.
- There was a discussion about the expenses for moving to the new facility. The cost of new furniture and technology network equipment is estimated to be approximately \$300K, as projected. It was determined that this would not adversely impact the school's financial position
- 3 staff members resigned, and their positions were not refilled which will have a positive impact on the financial position.

III. State of the School Report

A. School Overview

- Dr. Procope discussed current enrollment, which surpassed predictions. There was a discussion about attendance and current plans to address chronic absenteeism.
- Collaboration with Howard University includes after-school tutors, STEM fair judges, and graduate students from engineering working with our students
- STEM day will be February 19, and the entire school will participate as a celebration of Engineering Week
- The In-house STEM fair will be on February 21st with the winners going to the DC STEM Fair
- There was a discussion about the 20 year Charter Review on May 19, 2025. Dr. IProcope discussed the process

IV. Facility Update

A.

Miner Building Move

The move to the Miner building still does not have a date. There is still work to be done on the sub-basement where the cafeteria will be. Chair Johns will reach out to get additional information. Derrek Neic-Williams said that the move date is scheduled for the summer.

V. Development Update

A. Creation of the Development Committee

It was agreed that a development committee would be formed, and Dr. Procope would invite the interested board members. The initial focus will be fundraising for the 20th anniversary in the fall.

VI. 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 7:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
C. Campbell

Documents used during the meeting

- Q2BoardMeetingMinutes Sy2024-2025.docx
- HUMS^2 - Supplemental Report - November 2024 (1).xlsx
- HUMS^2 - Monthly Presentation - November 2024 (1).pptx
- Q2BoardPresentation.pptx