

APPROVED



City on a Hill Charter Public School

Minutes

October 2018 Board Meeting

Date and Time

Tuesday October 30, 2018 at 9:30 AM

Location

City Year, 287 Columbus Ave, Room 515, Boston, MA 02116

Trustees Present

Alex Valdez (remote), Cara Stillings-Candal (remote), Greg Vasey, Jeff Jablow, Lori Stevens, Melisa Lemire, Mike Rosen

Trustees Absent

Karin Wall, Matt Shaw

Ex Officio Members Present

Kevin Taylor

Non Voting Members Present

Kevin Taylor

Guests Present

Amber Donell, Callie Slocum, Elizabeth Dignan, Jackie Hayes, Jordan Lopez, Nadine Abraham

I. Opening Items**A.**

Record Attendance and Guests

B. Call the Meeting to Order

Jeff Jablow called a meeting of the board of trustees of City on a Hill Charter Public School to order on Tuesday Oct 30, 2018 at 9:37 AM.

II. Consent Agenda

A. Approve January 2018 Meeting Minutes

Mike Rosen made a motion to approve minutes from the New Bedford Strategic Direction on 01-26-18 New Bedford Strategic Direction on 01-26-18.

Melisa Lemire seconded the motion.

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

B. Approve September 2018 Meeting Minutes

Greg Vasey made a motion to approve minutes from the September 2018 Board Meeting on 09-17-18 September 2018 Board Meeting on 09-17-18.

Melisa Lemire seconded the motion.

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

III. The COAH Effect & Big Rocks Revisited

A. The COAH Effect

Kevin Taylor, Chief Executive Officer, reintroduced the purpose of The COAH Effect to the Board and guests as a progress monitoring tool. Taylor walked through the dashboard and provided explanation of the status of each goal, which included an overview of the Finance Committee's approval of the FY19 Audit by Greg Vasey, Finance Committee member.

B. Big Rocks Revisited

Taylor next returned to his "Big Rocks," which are his identified priorities as Chief Executive Officer as identified at the August 2018 Board Retreat. These "Big Rocks" include Academic Performance, the New Bedford Charter Renewal Process, Facilities Constraints, Ideal Student Count, Long-Term Strategic Planning, and City on a Hill's 25 Anniversary. Taylor reminded the Board that he hopes to report out progress on these priorities at each meeting going forward.

IV. Committee Updates

A. Governance Committee Update

Melisa Lemire, Governance Committee Chair, gave an update from the last Committee meeting, which included engagement and compliance goals as well as Board growth.

Lemire also announced the Governance Committee's decision to reduce the number of meetings from the initially proposed monthly cadence.

B. Academic Excellence Committee Update

Jeff Jablow, Vice Chair and Academic Excellence Committee member, gave an overview of the SY18 MCAS data for all three schools. Taylor gave his understanding of the scores, spoke about the Family Meetings where COAH community members were invited in to speak with him directly about the results, and named Amber Donell, Chief Academic Officer, as a key change to staffing to improve results.

V. New Bedford Charter Renewal Update

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Jackie Hayes, Chief of Staff & General Counsel, gave an update on the New Bedford Charter Renewal Visit earlier in the month.

VI. Closing Items

A. Feedback and Next Steps

Taylor asked for each Board member to provide both affirming and adjusting feedback for the meeting.

B. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jeff Jablow