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## City on a Hill Charter Public School

### Minutes

#### October 2020 Governance Committee Meeting

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##### **Date and Time**

Wednesday October 21, 2020 at 4:00 PM

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This meeting took place remotely pursuant to the March 12, 2020 Baker-Polito Administration announcement of an emergency order temporarily modifying the state's open meeting law.

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##### **Committee Members Present**

Jeff Jablow (remote), Melisa Lemire (remote)

##### **Committee Members Absent**

Cara Stillings-Candal

##### **Guests Present**

Kevin Taylor (remote), Maddie Collins (remote)

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#### **I. Opening Items**

##### **A. Record Attendance**

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

Melisa Lemire called a meeting of the Governance Committee of City on a Hill Charter Public School to order on Wednesday Oct 21, 2020 at 4:04 PM.

##### **C.**

### **Approve September 2020 Meeting Minutes**

Melisa Lemire made a motion to approve the minutes from September 2020 Governance Committee Meeting on 09-21-20.

Jeff Jablow seconded the motion.

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

#### **Roll Call**

Jeff Jablow	Aye
Melisa Lemire	Aye
Cara Stillings-Candal	Absent

## **II. Renewal Conditions Update**

### **A. Renewal Conditions Update**

Melissa Lemire, Committee Chair, opened the discussion with inviting Kevin Taylor, Chief Executive Officer, to share an update about City on a Hill's Renewal Conditions.

The Committee discussed that in the absence of the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) due to the COVID-19 pandemic, City on a Hill would have to provide another measure to gauge academic success according to Condition #7 in COAH's probation conditions. After meeting last week with the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE), City on a Hill will begin investigating another standardized test to gauge academic success for School Year 2020-21.

Taylor reiterated that all other probationary conditions have been met or are currently ongoing. The discussion concluded with Taylor sharing that City on a Hill will submit an addendum to the previously submitted Action Plan that will reflect the standardized test chosen as a measure to hold the school accountable. The Academic Excellence Committee will provide guidance on that upcoming choice.

## **III. Board Chair Succession and Board Growth Conversation**

### **A. Board Chair Succession and Board Growth Conversation**

The Committee discussed the potential of hosting a Board Retreat in February. The Committee will decide to move forward in planning that retreat at the next Governance Committee meeting in December.

The Committee then discussed connecting with Board members who are interested in filling the Board Chair role that will open in April. Lemire proposed that the Committee should continue to meet with remaining interested Board members in the next few weeks, allowing for time and discussion to happen around the succession in April.

The discussion concluded with the Committee proposing to move forward in the next step of finding a successor at the December Governance Committee meeting.

#### **IV. 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 4:47 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Melisa Lemire