

APPROVED



City on a Hill Charter Public School

Minutes

February 2024 Governance Committee Meeting

Date and Time

Tuesday February 13, 2024 at 4:00 PM

This meeting took place remotely pursuant to a supplemental budget bill which, among other things, extends the temporary provisions pertaining to the Open Meeting Law to March 31, 2025 signed into law by Governor Healey on March 29, 2023. The meeting was held via Zoom at <https://cityonahill-org.zoom.us/j/87237510633>.

Committee Members Present

Melisa Lemire (remote), Ted Gildea (remote)

Committee Members Absent

Brooke Fincke

Guests Present

Asha Ibrahim (remote), Jordan Lopez (remote), Sonya Pratt (remote)

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 Tuesday Feb 13, 2024 at 4:08 PM.

C. Approve December 2023 Meeting Minutes

Ted Gildea made a motion to approve the minutes from December 2023 Governance Committee Meeting on 12-12-23.

Melisa Lemire seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

Melisa Lemire Aye

Ted Gildea Aye

Brooke Fincke Absent

II. General School and Compliance Updates

A. General School and Compliance Updates

Melisa Lemire, Board Chair, directed the attention of the Committee to the Compliance Updates. Sonya Pratt, Executive Director, provided updates including compliance, academic progress, union negotiations, staffing, and the potential sale of the building. Pratt shared the scheduled Compliance Review for Special Education and ESL were canceled due to the Charter Relinquishment. Regarding School Academics, Pratt noted the School's Academic Focus remains heavily on improving MAP and MCAS scores. She shared notable improvements in English and Math assessments and expressed optimism regarding anticipated high MAP and MCAS scores. She noted staffing concerns are minimal, and continuous efforts by School Leadership are being made to assess student numbers for the next academic year.

Pratt then mentioned the union initiated contact to begin negotiations. She noted that negotiations will likely begin post-break, primarily focusing first on negotiating financial aspects. Lastly, she shared the Foundations plan to put the School Building on the market, with both Boards aligned on decision-making. She shared two brokers are scheduled to assess the building with the intention of putting it on the market officially.

III. Board Growth & Engagement Discussion

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Next, Melisa Lemire, Board Chair, directed the attention of the Committee to the Board Growth and Engagement. Lemire discussed the plan to engage the current Board members keeping in mind the requirement of having an odd number on the Board. The Committee discussed potentially adding one or two more members to the board, but acknowledged that finding new members might be challenging given the limited time commitment required. Lastly, Sonya Pratt, Executive Director, acknowledged the helpfulness of recent support from the Board members in the Schools plan. She emphasized the importance of maintaining Board support and continued active engagement for the next 18 months.

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 5:24 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Melisa Lemire

Documents used during the meeting

None