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## City on a Hill Charter Public School

### Minutes

#### January 2024 Board Meeting #1

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

Friday January 12, 2024 at 11:00 AM

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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/81315100800>.

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##### **Trustees Present**

Alekz Hirschmann (remote), Brooke Fincke (remote), Danielle Canty (remote), Edelyn Contreras (remote), Gabriela (Gaby) DeLeon-Evora (remote), Jacqueline Bennett (remote), Kimberley Thai Small (remote), Melisa Lemire (remote), Ted Gildea (remote)

##### **Trustees Absent**

Andres Tejeda Soto, Michelle Allwood

##### **Ex Officio Members Present**

Sonya Pratt (remote)

##### **Non Voting Members Present**

Sonya Pratt (remote)

##### **Guests Present**

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Asha Ibrahim (remote), Jordan Lopez (remote), Nick Anastasopoulos (remote)

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## I. Opening Items

### A. Record Attendance

### B. Call the Meeting to Order

Melisa Lemire called a meeting of the board of trustees of City on a Hill Charter Public School to order on Friday Jan 12, 2024 at 11:06 AM.

## II. Executive Session

### A. Executive Session

Melisa Lemire, Board Chair, announced that the Board would be entering Executive Session, citing purpose #3: To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares. Lemire confirmed that she believed public discussion of the topics might have a detrimental effect on the School's collective bargaining position, noted that the Board intended to return to public session, and called for a motion to enter Executive Session.

Ted Gildea made a motion to enter Executive Session.

Alekz Hirschmann seconded the motion.

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

#### Roll Call

Michelle Allwood	Absent
Gabriela (Gaby) DeLeon-Evora	Aye
Jacqueline Bennett	Aye
Danielle Canty	Aye
Brooke Fincke	Aye
Andres Tejeda Soto	Absent
Melisa Lemire	Aye
Alekz Hirschmann	Aye
Ted Gildea	Aye
Edelyn Contreras	Aye
Kimberley Thai Small	Aye

Public Session ended at 11:08am. Executive Session began at 11:09am.

Melisa Lemire made a motion to adjourn Executive Session and return to Public Session.

Ted Gildea seconded the motion.

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

#### Roll Call

Kimberley Thai Small	Aye
Jacqueline Bennett	Aye

**Roll Call**

Danielle Canty	Aye
Michelle Allwood	Absent
Melisa Lemire	Aye
Ted Gildea	Aye
Edelyn Contreras	Aye
Brooke Fincke	Aye
Andres Tejeda Soto	Absent
Gabriela (Gaby) DeLeon-Evora	Aye
Alekz Hirschmann	Aye

Executive Session ended at 12:52pm. Public Session began at 12:53pm.

**III. 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 12:54 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Melisa Lemire

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**Documents used during the meeting**

*None*