



## City on a Hill Charter Public School

### Minutes

#### February 2025 Academic Excellence Committee Meeting

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

Monday February 10, 2025 at 5:00 PM

##### **Location**

<https://cityonahill-org.zoom.us/j/86514691965>

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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/86514691965>.

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

Alekz Hirschmann (remote), Danielle Canty (remote)

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

Edelyn Contreras

##### **Guests Present**

Laura Edouard (remote), Nikia Davis (remote)

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

##### **A. Record Attendance and Guests**

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

Alekz Hirschmann made a motion to Call the meeting to order.

Danielle Canty seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

Danielle Canty Aye

Edelyn Contreras Absent

Alekz Hirschmann Aye

Alekz Hirschmann called a meeting of the Academic Excellence Committee of City on a Hill Charter Public School to order on Monday Feb 10, 2025 at 5:03 PM.

**C. Approve December 2024 Meeting Minutes**

Alekz Hirschmann made a motion to approve the minutes from December 2024

Academic Excellence Committee Meeting on 12-09-24.

Danielle Canty seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

Edelyn Contreras Absent

Danielle Canty Aye

Alekz Hirschmann Aye

**II. General Academic Updates**

**A. SY2024-25 Q2 Academic Results**

Alekz Hirschmann, Committee Chair, directed the Committee's attention to Laura Edouard, Chief Academic Officer. Edouard then presented a thorough analysis of the data, trends, and comparisons for Quarter Two. She noted that, since the close of Quarter Two in January, City on a Hill (CoaH) has appointed a new interim principal, and the spring dual enrollment program has begun. Additionally, Edouard reported that, of the senior class, 23 out of 38 students have submitted applications to one or more colleges, and 12 students have been accepted into four-year institutions so far.

Edouard highlighted a positive trend, observing a 10% or greater increase in passing rates in Math, English, U.S. History, and Chemistry compared to the previous year's Quarter Two. However, she pointed out that a select group of courses still have passing rates below 50%, with Spanish proving to be the most challenging subject for students. Looking ahead, Edouard outlined the next steps, including discontinuing MCAS retakes, as they are no longer a state requirement, and restructuring Spanish classes to provide better support for students.

Hirschmann inquired about the current state of attendance. Edouard acknowledged that attendance continues to be a challenge, as many students have been out sick with the flu, often missing nearly a week of school at a time. Despite this, Edouard expressed

optimism for improved attendance in the upcoming quarters, with the goal of finishing the year strong.

Edouard then opened the floor for questions, the Committee had none.

### III. Closing Items

#### A. Adjourn Meeting

Alekz Hirschmann made a motion to Adjourn the meeting.

Danielle Canty seconded the motion.

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

#### Roll Call

Edelyn Contreras Absent

Alekz Hirschmann Aye

Danielle Canty Aye

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 4:43 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alekz Hirschmann

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#### Documents used during the meeting

- CoaH Academic Data 2024-2025 (2).pdf