

APPROVED



# Young Scholars Charter School

## Minutes

### Regular Board Meeting

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#### Date and Time

Tuesday February 7, 2023 at 4:00 PM

#### Location

VIRTUAL

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This meeting is being held in compliance with Open Meeting requirements of the Pennsylvania Sunshine Act and is open to the public. Notices were duly posted and the meeting was advertised in The Philadelphia Daily News. Formal action will be taken.

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#### Trustees Present

B. Harrison (remote), B. Stambaugh (remote), B. Young (remote), D. Dwirantwi (remote), E. Ashe (remote), E. Kaplin (remote), J. Brown (remote), L. Pressman (remote), T. Rebar (remote), V. Schwartz (remote), W. Weisman (remote)

#### Trustees Absent

G. Singer, I. Brind, J. Wang, S. Midha, V. Hanraty, W. Churchill

#### Trustees who arrived after the meeting opened

E. Kaplin

#### Trustees who left before the meeting adjourned

B. Young

#### Guests Present

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B. Chazin (remote), C. Freyer (remote), J. Amenda (remote), K. Corcoran (remote), K. Lamilla (remote)

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## **I. Opening Items**

### **A. Record Attendance**

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

W. Weisman called a meeting of the board of trustees of Young Scholars Charter School to order on Tuesday Feb 7, 2023 at 4:04 PM.

## **II. Board Discussion Topics**

### **A. Facility Update**

Mr. Amenda gave a brief update on how the school has made progress with the facility project. Site plans are moving forward.

### **B. 6th Grade Transportation Update**

Jim Brown has been working with attorney on this item. SEPTA pointed to the US Dept of Transportation. SEPTA explained that we are not allowed under the rules of US Dept of Transportation to have publicly funded dedicated buses. The school is working with families from an accommodating standpoint.

### **C. Renewal Site Visit Mission Elements Review**

The school's renewal site visit is on Thursday 2/9. The Dana Dwirantwi shared information about the stakeholder engagement, noting that it went well.

The school team pivoted to progress report conferences and talked about student led conferences. This encourages student ownership, confidence and communication skills.

E. Kaplin arrived.

B. Young left.

### **D. Finance Summary & Statements**

Kevin Corcoran gave an update on the school's finances. Last year's audit is complete and had a positive outcome. The current year is healthy and is hitting all metrics required by the charter school office. The school is currently working on next year's budget.

### **E. Committee Reports**

Development- Katherine Lamilla gave a fundraising update and noted that the school exceeded this year's fundraising goal of \$350,000.

High School- Becca Chazin gave an update on high school acceptances. 70% of 8th grader have already accepted high school offers and offers are still coming in.

**F. Statement of Financial Interest Forms**

**G. Act 55 Training Reminder**

**III. Approval of Minutes**

**A. Resolved that the Board approve the Regular session minutes from the December 13, 2022 meeting.**

W. Weisman made a motion to approve the minutes from Regular Board Meeting on 12-13-22.

J. Brown seconded the motion.

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

**IV. Motions for Approval- Policy / Governance / Operations / Miscellaneous**

**A. Procurement Policy- Updated procurement thresholds effective 1/1/2023**

L. Pressman made a motion to Procurement Policy- Updated procurement thresholds effective 1/1/2023.

T. Rebar seconded the motion.

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

**B. Approve Broderick Harrison as a Board Trustee as of November 1, 2022**

B. Stambaugh made a motion to Approve Broderick Harrison as a Board Trustee as of November 1, 2022.

T. Rebar seconded the motion.

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

**V. 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 5:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

K. Lamilla