APPROVED

Young Scholars Charter School

Minutes

Regular Board Meeting

Date and Time
Tuesday October 29, 2024 at 4:00 PM

Location
900 North Marshall St.
Philadelphia, PA 19123

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.

Trustees Present
A. Wang, G. Singer, J. Brown, J. Wang, R. Halpern, T. Rebar, W. Churchill, W. Weisman

Trustees Absent
B. Harrison, B. Young, E. Ashe, E. Kaplin

Guests Present
C. Freyer (remote), J. Amenda (remote), K. Corcoran (remote), K. Tini (remote), S. Piltch (remote), S. Smith (remote), Samantha Banks (remote)

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B.

Call the Meeting to Order

W. Churchill called a meeting of the board of trustees of Young Scholars Charter School to order on Tuesday Oct 29, 2024 at 4:00 PM.

C. Nomination and Appointment of Trustee Steve Piltch

D. Nomination and Appointment of Robin Halpern as a Vice Chair

W. Churchill made a motion to Appoint Robin Halpern as Vice Chair.
T. Rebar seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

II. Board Discussion Topics

A. Dashboard, Strategic Objectives, YTD Data Review

Mr. Amenda reviewed current year-to-date results across all categories, reporting on track status across metrics with marked improvements in organizational health and math and reading predictive performance results.

Strategic objectives for the next 5 years were reviewed with an emphasis on having completed phase 1 of our facility project and beginning preparations for the enrollment of 5th grade.

B. Facility Phase II and Landbank Status

Shakira Smith presented to the board the design schematics for the construction of additional classrooms and a gymnasium as prepared by Blackney Hayes Architects. Preliminary cost estimation for the project as prepared by P. Agnes was reviewed along with a discussion of next steps needed to continue to pursue the development of the adjacent parking lot.

C. PDE School Code Updates

Shakira Smith presented recently passed PDE school code updates, including the requirement for new trustees to swear in via oath and be affirmed by a notary. Additionally the board discussed the need to add a parent of a student as a trustee as required by the new regulations.

D. Committee Designations and Nominating Practices for New Trustees

Committee membership was presented to the board with the intent to assess committee interest for committee restructure to be decided during the next meeting.

E. Fundraising Status and Strategy

Mr. Amenda reviewed the current status of funds raised for this calendar year, reporting having nearly met goal with the intention of a final push for our annual campaign by December 31st.

Chairman Win Churchill and Vice Chair Robin Halpern discussed the targets for a capital campaign and the need to update the case for support and launch the campaign after we achieve clarity on the status of the adjacent land.

F. Amended Budget and Financials

The finance committee and Kevin Corcoran from Charter Choices presented on current financials which were all meeting or exceeding required district targets. The adjustments to anticipated enrollment and special education counts were discussed and reflected in updated projections for the 24-25 school year.

III. Approval of Minutes

A. Resolved that the Board approve the Regular session minutes from the September 10, 2024 meeting.

W. Churchill made a motion to approve the minutes from the 9/10/2024 meeting. Regular Board Meeting on 09-10-24.
R. Halpern seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

IV. Motions for Approval

A. To Approve the 2024-2025 Amended Budget

W. Churchill made a motion to approve the 2024-2025 amended budget.
R. Halpern 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 5:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
W. Churchill