



# Brighter Choice Charter Schools

## Minutes

### Governance Committee Meeting

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#### Date and Time

Thursday February 8, 2024 at 8:30 AM

#### Location

250 Central Ave, Albany, NY 12206

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#### Committee Members Present

K. Ford, K. Mclean (remote), L. Licygiewicz, M. Snyder (remote), N. Velilla, R. McLaughlin, T. Hanmer, Z. Nelson

#### Committee Members Absent

*None*

#### Guests Present

Noah Clement

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#### I. Opening Items

##### A. Record Attendance

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

M. Snyder called a meeting of the Governance Committee of Brighter Choice Charter Schools to order on Thursday Feb 8, 2024 at 8:37 AM.

##### C. Approve Minutes

T. Hanmer made a motion to approve the minutes from Governance Committee Meeting on 01-11-24.

N. Velilla seconded the motion.

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

## **II. Governance**

### **A. Introductions: Potential New Board Member (Noah Clement)**

Noah Clement joined the Board as an interested potential board member. We are awaiting final approval from NYSED.

### **B. Summer Grant opportunity**

M. Snyder described the grant opportunity hosted by the Brighter Choice Foundation. K. Ford described ideas they have about summer camp program that would incorporate a trip at the end of the week to immerse in a cultural experience. At the grant level we could support 150 scholars. The school leaders will create a summary for the first phase of the application.

### **C. Board Recruitment**

The board discussed strategies for recruiting new board members. N. Velilla drafted a sample letter and the board agreed to connect with 5 people to assess interest and possibly bring them together for a meet and greet. The board discussed possible parent representation and faculty and staff representation as well as timing of the board meetings.

### **D. Calendar Update**

L. Licygiewicz reported that BCCS would like to take March 29th off. It is Good Friday prior to the April break and the district is off and bussing is not offered. If this is approved, the schools will extend the year until June 21st. The board will vote in the board meeting.

### **E. PEO Update**

L. Licygiewicz reported that we will not go with Insperity due to very high administrative fees. Furthermore, the broker reported that there will be a 13% increase in cost. There are a few options to save some money. Premiums have not increased for faculty and staff in 6 years, as the schools have absorbed them. There is an HRA option to be considered.

## **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 9:36 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Z. Nelson

R. McLaughlin made a motion to Adjourn meeting.

T. Hanmer seconded the motion.

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