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## Brighter Choice Charter Schools

# Minutes

## Board Meeting

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### Date and Time

Thursday June 13, 2024 at 9:30 AM

### Location

250 Central Ave., Albany, NY

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### Trustees Present

M. Snyder (remote), N. Velilla, T. Hanmer, Z. Nelson

### Trustees Absent

N. Clement

### Guests Present

Colleen Driggs (remote), K. Ford, K. Mclean, L. Licygiewicz

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## I. Opening Items

### A. Record Attendance

### B. Call the Meeting to Order

M. Snyder called a meeting of the board of trustees of Brighter Choice Charter Schools to order on Thursday Jun 13, 2024 at 9:43 AM.

### C. Approve Minutes

T. Hanmer made a motion to approve the minutes from Board Meeting on 05-09-24.

N. Velilla seconded the motion.  
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

## II. Committee Reports

### A. Governance Report

M. Snyder reported that the governance committee discussed enrollment goals and progress for the schools, as well as staffing, budgets and an afterschool grant totaling up to \$400K for both schools for up to 5 years.

We are meeting to discuss teacher compensation and retention scheduled for Monday afternoon to discuss the budget with them, and to discuss strategies for meeting their needs as well as maintaining long term fiscal health of the schools. The board approved the hiring of Paul Stallings as Boy's school recruitment

### B. Finance Committee report

Based upon 246 students for the boys and 323 students for the girls. Paul Augello reported healthy income and solid bond covenant. He reported the staffing structure and discussed holding off on a few positions until August/September. For the April budgetary numbers the schools are trending ahead due to increased SPED revenue and a few more scholars in each school.

We will table the vote on this budget until the annual meeting later this month.

## III. Other Business

### A. Approve Colleen Driggs To Join Board (Vote)

The Brighter Choice Charter School Board of Trustees, having conducted a thorough criminal history record check via fingerprinting which is deemed acceptable by NYSED, and having discovered no State or federal criminal history, or having provided information regarding such history to NYSED, if found, and having verified that any academic and/or professional credential or qualification presented by the proposed member

is genuine, and having reviewed the application in its entirety, has voted to select Colleen Driggs as a member to its Board of Trustees, with a term expiring on June 2027, pending approval by NYSED. The resolution approving Colleen Driggs is adopted upon NYSED's approval.

Z. Nelson made a motion to accept Colleen Driggs as trustee of the Board.

T. Hanmer seconded the motion.

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

### B. Approve SY24-25 Budget (Vote)

Vote tabled until June 20, 2024 Annual meeting.

## IV. 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 9:55 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Z. Nelson

Z. Nelson made a motion to adjourn.

T. Hanmer seconded the motion.

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