



# Great Oaks Charter School - Bridgeport

## Minutes

### Board Meeting

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#### Date and Time

Wednesday September 14, 2016 at 5:15 PM

#### Location

Great Oaks Charter School; 510 Barnum Ave (2nd Floor Conference Room)

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Great Oaks Charter School of Bridgeport's September board meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 14th at 5:15 pm on the second floor of the school at 510 Barnum Ave

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#### Directors Present

Dexter Upshaw (remote), Ed Farrow (remote), Pamela Fraser-Abder (remote), Susan Briggs

#### Directors Absent

Amy Marshall, Leticia Sepulveda, Tamara Smith

#### Directors who arrived after the meeting opened

Pamela Fraser-Abder

#### Guests Present

Elly Kuhlman, Michael Duffy, Michael McGregor, Monica Brown, Monica Maccera Filppu, Rashaun Reid, Shana Hurley

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### I. Opening Items

#### A. Record Attendance and Guests

**B. Call the Meeting to Order**

Ed Farrow called a meeting of the board of directors of Great Oaks Charter School - Bridgeport to order on Wednesday Sep 14, 2016 at 5:25 PM.

**C. Approve Minutes**

**II. Academic Excellence**

**A. Review of State Assessment Data and Academic goals for 16-17**

Executive Director M. Maccera presented data from the Spring 2016 administration of the Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBAC). With average growth of 7.5%, Great Oaks Charter School outpaced the state (3.3%) and host district's (1.15%) average growth. The Academic Committee noted in an analysis of achievement by subgroup, absolute achievement by Hispanic and ELL students is higher than that of the whole school while absolute achievement of Black and Special Education students is lower than that of the whole school. However, when analyzing growth by subgroup, it was apparent that growth among subgroups is consistent with stronger growth in 6th grade math among Black students than the population as a whole.

Executive Director M. Maccera discussed some of the strategies used in the school to ensure the growth including increased instruction in mathematics in grade 6, successful implementation of a research-based reading intervention curriculum during the Tier II tutorial intervention and providing teacher coaching and support. These strategies as well as some new ones including implementation of a new research-based math intervention curriculum for use in math tutorial, improved our structures for Response to Intervention and Child Find and improvements to our systems of school culture.

**III. Facilities and Finance**

**A. Report from the Finance Committee**

Director of Finance R. Iandoli gave an overview of the school's financial discussion. The Finance Committee has approved an hourly part-time employee to support school operations this year. Board discussion of the CCJEF school finance ruling ensued. Pamela Fraser-Abder arrived.

**B. Update on the financing of our permanent facility**

Chief Operating Officer M. McGregor provided an update on the planned long-term facility. Architectural plans have been finalized and the project's developer has acquired the permitting necessary to break ground on the construction. Great Oaks continues to pursue financing of about \$2 million in tenant improvement (TI) obligations in order to begin the project this fall.

#### **IV. Governance and Policy**

##### **A. Review of the Services Agreement with the Great Oaks Foundation**

##### **B. Executive Director Evaluation (in Executive Session)**

Susan Briggs made a motion to enter into executive session at 6:08 PM.

Dexter Upshaw seconded the motion.

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

Dexter Upshaw made a motion to exit executive session at 6:40 PM.

Pamela Fraser-Abder seconded the motion.

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

##### **C. pre-work for Annual Meeting on October 5th**

#### **V. Closing Items**

##### **A. Adjourn Meeting**

Susan Briggs made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Pamela Fraser-Abder seconded the motion.

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

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Shana Hurley