



# Great Oaks Charter School - Bridgeport

## Minutes

### Board Meeting

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#### Date and Time

Wednesday November 9, 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 November board meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 9th at 5:15 pm on the second floor of the school at 510 Barnum Ave.

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#### Directors Present

Amy Marshall, Dexter Upshaw (remote), Ed Farrow, Leticia Sepulveda (remote), Susan Briggs (remote), Tamara Smith

#### Directors Absent

Pamela Fraser-Abder

#### Directors who left before the meeting adjourned

Dexter Upshaw

#### Guests Present

Michael Duffy, Michael McGregor, Monica Maccera Filppu, Rashaun Reid, Rick Iandoli, 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 Nov 9, 2016 at 5:37 PM.

### **C. Approve Minutes**

Amy Marshall made a motion to approve minutes from the Board Meeting on 10-05-16 Board Meeting on 10-05-16.

Tamara Smith seconded the motion.

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

## **II. Governance and Policy**

### **A. Board on Track Update**

Gina Fafad from Board on Track presented Board Chair Ed Farrow, Executive Director Monica Maccera and the Great Oaks Bridgeport Board of Directors with its Governance award. G. Fafad praised the GO-BPT board for its successful collaboration and quick learning. G. Fafad also kicked off the next phase of board coaching and support from Board on Track.

## **III. Facilities and Finance**

### **A. Report from the Finance Committee**

Joseph Blatt from the auditing firm Loeb and Troper reviewed the findings of the 2015-2016 annual audit. Loeb and Troper has issued a clean and unmodified audit. Further discussion will follow in the finance committee.

Dexter Upshaw left.

### **B. Discussion on funding of new facility**

Rashaun Reid arrived.

A term sheet for the financing for the long-term facility is forthcoming in the next week. A vote is expected in December.

## **IV. Academic Excellence**

### **A. Report of the Academic Committee**

T. Smith updated the board on the outcomes from the October Academic Committee meeting. After careful consideration, the Academic Committee declined to pursue the KED blended learning model for the first year of the high school. The Committee will continue to explore the KED model for future consideration.

### **B.**

### **Discussion on progress of Plans to expand to Grade 9 next year**

M. Duffy, M. Maccera and M. McGregor will be meeting weekly to prepare the program and operational decisions to open the Great Oaks High School next year. Great Oaks leadership and the Academic Committee are backwards planning from both Connecticut state graduation requirements and the experiences we want to provide for our scholars as they prepare for college.

## **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 6:59 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shana Hurley

Tamara Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Amy Marshall seconded the motion.

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