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## Great Oaks Charter School - Bridgeport

### Minutes

#### Board Meeting

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**Date and Time**

Wednesday April 6, 2016 at 5:15 PM

**Location**

Great Oaks Bridgeport - 2nd floor conference room

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**Directors Present**

Dexter Upshaw (remote), Ed Farrow (remote), Leticia Sepulveda, Pamela Fraser-Abder, Susan Briggs (remote), Tamara Smith

**Directors Absent**

*None*

**Directors who left before the meeting adjourned**

Leticia Sepulveda

**Guests Present**

Carrie Ferrer, Michael Duffy, 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 Apr 6, 2016 at 5:20 PM.

**C. Approve Minutes**

Change attendance from last month to include absence of Leticia Sepulveda

**II. Report from the Executive Director**

**A. Review January Dashboard**

Executive Director M. Maccera called attention to the decrease in average lunch detentions per day. L. Sepulveda asked for clarification about positive reinforcement system listed in the ED report. Discussion ensued.

**B. Update on the building project**

Great Oaks Foundation President M. Duffy gave an update on the financing for the new building project. Great Oaks has consulted pro bono attorney Willkie, Farr and Gallagher to understand the school's obligation to provide evidence of funds available for our portion of the tenant improvements as listed in the lease. M. Duffy described efforts made thus far to obtain funding.

**III. Academic Excellence**

**A. Report from the Academic Committee**

Leticia Sepulveda left.

ED M. Maccera presented a vision for a long-term staffing model for the school. The design builds a structure for school-based teams as well as for the local education agency, Great Oaks Charter Schools of Bridgeport, as the schools grow to scale.

**B. Update on Residency Programs**

Great Oaks will be offering two teacher residency programs next year, one with alternate route certification program Relay Graduate School of Education and another, traditional teacher preparation program partnership with New York University.

**IV. Facilities and Finance**

**A. Report from the Finance Committee**

R. Iandoli shared an initial analysis of the financial implications of the proposed organizational charts. Cost savings from smaller-than-projected rent costs and savings related to the Tutor Corps will assist in realizing the desired additions to staff. The 2016-2017 budget will be reviewed by the board in the May meeting.

**V. Closing Items**

**A. Adjourn Meeting**

Pamela Fraser-Abder made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Tamara Smith 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 6:57 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Shana Hurley