



The New American Academy Charter School

Minutes

TNAACS Board Meeting

Annual Meeting Part I

Date and Time

Thursday August 18, 2022 at 5:00 PM

Directors Present

C. Cuellar-Lezcano (remote), C. Kelly (remote), E. DeAngelis (remote), F. Monroe (remote), H. Hunt (remote), M. Lynch (remote), V. McDonald (remote)

Directors Absent

None

Guests Present

L. Parquette Silva (remote)

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance and Guests

B. Call the Meeting to Order

E. DeAngelis called a meeting of the board of directors of The New American Academy Charter School to order on Thursday Aug 18, 2022 at 5:00 PM.

C. Approve Minutes

Colleen made a motion to approve the minutes from August 15, 2022. The motion was seconded by Michelle.

The minutes were unanimously approved.

M. Lynch made a motion to approve the minutes from TNAACS Board Meeting on 07-28-22.

C. Cuellar-Lezcano seconded the motion.

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

II. Governance

A. Trustees

Colleen presented board members names and when each became a board member for voting year purposes. Each term will be for 2 years.

Colleen made a motion to approve Beth as a board member. Holly seconded.

Unanimously passed

Colleen made a motion to approve Fleur as a board member. Christy seconded.

Unanimously passed

Colleen made a motion to approve Kevin as a board member. Holly seconded.

Unanimously passed

Each of the following positions are for one year and will be voted on each year.

Colleen made a motion to approve Mac Varleton as board chair. Michelle seconded.

Unanimously passed.

Colleen made a motion to approve Elizabeth DeAngelis as secretary. Cristy seconded.

Unanimously passed.

Holly made a motion for Colleen Kelly to be vice-Chair. Michelle seconded.

Unanimously passed.

B. Open Meeting Laws

Meeting location must be made public - media, website, school and it is open to the public.

Lisa reminded that there is an executive session allowed which can be private and that would be noted on the agenda. Voting needs to be public but discussion can be private.

The public is always welcome to also join the Zoom meeting. The location of the board members need to also be noted on the announcement. Lisa will be in school building for each board meeting.

Mac asked about standing locations. Lisa explained that she will stay in the building until 7 for the board meetings.

Colleen stated that we also need to have the same protocol for the committee meetings.

Lisa and Colleen will double check on the regulations in order for the committees to be in compliance.

Lisa will send the board members a list of dates, set up the board meetings, allow for cohost, enable recording and space on the cloud to support the committees following the regulations.

C. TNAACS Board of Trustees Committees

It was recommended that the Finance Committee remain as a standing committee, Board Governance remain as a standing committee and Colleen stated that the third committee does not need to be in the bylaws.

Lisa recommended an Education Committee, perhaps in Math because when test scores come out soon there will most likely be a drop in scores (Covid related) and that committee could support the school in this area.

It was recommended that the Community Outreach Committee could be abandoned because of the weekly meetings with Elias about student recruitment and his work in the community.

Mac spoke about how the board has been working on Education organically as a board. He spoke to the need to have 4 committee member but Lisa and spoke to how it can be others beyond the board members.

Michelle stated that it might be a good idea for now to put 2 committees into the bylaws and hold off on the third committee.

Mac cautioned that we could state that we are working toward a 3rd committee - Education - but we have also been working very well as a board as an Education committee. Lisa stated that we say we are in an exploratory phase at the moment and will be working toward a third committee, education committee.

Colleen made a motion to have a Governance Committee. Michelle seconded. Unanimously passed.

Colleen made a motion to have a Finance Committee. Cristy seconded. Unanimously passed.

Colleen stated that the Code of Ethics was shared with everyone. Lisa will re-share the Conflict of Interest form with more specifics, which needs to be signed by all board members.

Board retreat will be in September and used to review surveys. Lisa stated that she will organize the data from the survey and create questions about the survey. Jenny will present the state exam data. This information will impact board goals and principal goals.

III. Other

A. Family Fun Day

Lisa invited the board to Family Fun Day on Saturday, August 27, 2022 for new and existing students. Mr. Marrera organized. There will be lots of activities and food for the families.

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 5:56 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
E. DeAngelis