



# The New American Academy Charter School

## Minutes

### TNAACS Board Meeting

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#### Date and Time

Thursday October 20, 2022 at 5:00 PM

#### Location

9301 Avenue B  
Brooklyn NY 11236

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#### Directors Present

C. Cuellar-Lezcano (remote), H. Hunt (remote), V. McDonald (remote)

#### Directors Absent

C. Kelly, E. DeAngelis, F. Monroe, K. Yu

#### Guests Present

J. Trani (remote), L. Parquette Silva, M. Lynch (remote)

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### I. Opening Items

#### A. Record Attendance and Guests

#### B. Call the Meeting to Order

V. McDonald called a meeting of the board of directors of The New American Academy Charter School to order on Thursday Oct 20, 2022 at 5:00 PM.

#### C. Approve Minutes

C. Cuellar-Lezcano made a motion to approve the minutes from TNAACS Board Meeting on 09-29-22.

H. Hunt seconded the motion.

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

## **II. Finance**

### **A. TNAACS Monthly Financials**

Elaine Schmiedeshoff from Charter School Business Management reviewed the monthly financials for September 2022. Elaine shared that as of September 30, 2022, TNAACS has 2.5 months of projected cash on hand in the bank. Our total expenses Year To Date have been \$1,294, 864 and our net operating surplus is \$157,807.

## **III. Data**

### **A. TNAACS Board Self Evaluation and TNAACS Evaluation of the Principal**

The board continued to discuss the results of the TNAACS Board Self-Evaluation survey and the TNAACS Board Evaluation of the principal.

## **IV. Committees**

### **A. Governance Committee Calendar**

The dates for the monthly TNAACS Governance Committee Were shared with the rest of the TNAACS board

### **B. Finance Committee**

It was discussed how the board is still in need of a treasurer, and as of this meeting, no board member has stated their intention to assume this role, which has been vacant since M.Harrington resigned from the board. It was discussed that several board members have expertise in finance and could assume this board position, one of whom will return to active board participation after the New Year. It was also discussed that more board participation is needed for finance committee meetings. Currently, J. Trani, H. Hunt, and L. Silva participate in these meetings, which occur twice a month.

## **V. Governance**

### **A. TNAACS Renewal Public Hearing Monday October 24th**

The board discussed the upcoming TNAACS Renewal Public Hearing that will take place on Monday, October 24th. L. Silva shared that this is a required component of the school's renewal process. This meeting is open to elected officials, district 18 families, and the TNAACS community. L. Silva shared that several parents have signed up to

speak on behalf of the school and several staff members. L. Silva will also make an opening statement. TNAACS board members are encouraged to attend

## **B. TNAACS Renewal Site Visit**

L. Silva shared that the TNAACS Renewal Site Visit will take place on Monday, November 14, 2022, and Tuesday, November 15, 2022. Since TNAACS' NYSED Liason, Kimberl Santiago, has retired and has not yet been replaced, the visit will only be conducted by an Educational Consultant contracted by NYSED, Ms. Maria Sokol. Ms. Skol has been an NYSED Liason in the past. L. Silva will be working on the schedule for the visit in consultation with Ms. Sokol. The visit will consist of twelve classroom visits and multiple focus groups, including:

- Parent Focus Group
- Grades k to 2 and 3 to 5 teacher focus groups
- School Leadership Focus Group
- Student Focus Group
- Special Population Focus Group
- TNAACS Board Focus Group

L. Silva will confirm that the board focus group can be done via Zoom. It was agreed that board members would get together before the visit to discuss data and possible talking points.

## **C. TNAACS Board Retreat Part II - Goal Setting**

Since several members are not present at this meeting, It was agreed that board members would review the data from its self-evaluation, and members would determine several goals for the board to focus on based on the data. It was agreed that this goal-setting conversation would continue at the next board meeting

## **VI. 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 7:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
L. Parquette Silva

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## **Documents used during the meeting**

- Monthly Report\_Sept 2022\_TNAACS.pdf
- Draft Benchmark 1 2022 (1).docx
- Draft Renewal Application Narrative 2022 (2).docx
- Board Renewal Data 2019\_2020.docx