



# The New American Academy Charter School

## Minutes

### TNAACS Board Meeting

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#### Date and Time

Thursday July 18, 2024 at 5:00 PM

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#### Directors Present

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

#### Directors Absent

F. Monroe, H. Hunt, K. Yu

#### Guests Present

L. Parquette Silva (remote)

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### I. Opening Items

#### A. Record Attendance

#### 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 Jul 18, 2024 at 5:06 PM.

#### C. Approve Minutes

Lisa shared the minutes with the board and briefly reviewed these with the board. A motion

June 2024 was made by Colleen, seconded by Cristy and the minutes were unanimously approved.

C. Kelly made a motion to approve the minutes from TNAACS Board Meeting on 06-25-24.

C. Cuellar-Lezcano seconded the motion.

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

## II. Finance & Data

### A. TNAACS Financials June 2024

Financials will be presented for July and August at the next board meeting.

### B. June Instructional Report on NYS Exams

Lisa shared the NYC Instructional Report which shows the types of questions that students did well on and which ones that students need support with based on recent state exams.

It appears that TNAACS is in line with city schools overall in both Math and Reading.

This data requires more analysis and will be looked at with the DTL's when they return from summer break.

Lisa shared each grade's reading and math scores compared to city year over year and also cohort to cohort year over year.

Mac said that the initial data looks good and Lisa stated that the data will be looked at in more detail and await more testing data as it is released.

## III. Governance

### A. Board Members and Board Expansion

Colleen presented information about the interview of Deborah L. Dula. The interview was conducted by Cristy and Colleen. They shared her background and her desire to give back to the community. She has expertise in strategic planning, the military, and department of defense. They recommended her to be nominated as a new board member.

The other potential board member who was also interviewed was Jo Beavers who is also being recommended to become a board member.

Mac stated that he would like to meet with them or do a phone call with them to answer a few questions.

*Motion: The New American Academy Board of Trustees, having conducted a thorough criminal history record check via fingerprinting which is deemed acceptable by NYSED, and having discovered no State or federal criminal history, or having provided information regarding such history to NYSED, if found, and having verified that any academic and/or*

*professional credential or qualification presented by the proposed member is genuine, has voted to select Deborah L. Dula as a member to its Board of Trustees, with a term expiring on July, 18 2026 pending approval by NYSED. The resolution approving Deborah L. Dula is adopted upon NYSED's approval.*

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Colleen will send an email and invite the new members to the next meeting. Colleen stated that they will be onboarded with the process recently developed for adding new board members.

Colleen made a motion to extend board membership to 9 members at this time. Michelle seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Lisa explained how Kevin has not been able to fulfill his duties as board member. Kevin has been unresponsive to emails and has not been an active member for over a year. Lisa made a recommendation to remove Kevin Yu from the board.

Colleen made a motion to remove Kevin Yu from the board. Michelle seconded. The vote passed unanimously.

## **B. Governance Committee**

Colleen showed the location on board on track where the board self-evaluation for 2023-24 is available. Lisa's self-evaluation is available and will be sent out. The board should complete the self-evaluation. The self evaluation for Lisa will not be shared with ELT.

All the data will be put together for the board retreat. Colleen will send out information and each committee will complete their part for board retreat.

Lisa spoke about grant money not being available next year and stated that the school is thinking about donors as a more reliable funding stream.

## **C. TNAACS Districtwide Safety Plan**

Lisa shared the Safety Plan for TNAACS as a colocated school with PS 233. She stated that a version of the plan must be on the website and sent to NYSED. Lisa has previously sent out the plan to the board.

She stated that the detailed plans are shared with the local police and fire.

Certain pieces of information is not included in the district-wide safety play such as where the school would be evacuated to - for additional safety.

Lisa explained that there are monthly safety meetings and AED trained staff are tested on their knowledge randomly and have always easily passed.

Lisa explained that closed circuit cameras and buzzers will be placed in all NYC schools. All visitors must be buzzed in. There is an intercom from school safety to the outside. After students have entered in the morning the doors are locked and all visitors will have to be buzzed in.

All staff received a copy of the safety plan and it is reviewed with them during summer training. All staff has been trained in evacuation, shelter-in and lock downs.

Cristy made a motion to approve the District Wide Safety Plan 2024-25.  
Colleen seconded. The motion was passed unanimously.

#### **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 6:20 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
E. DeAngelis