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## Veritas Preparatory Charter School

### Minutes

#### Board Meeting

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**Date and Time**

Friday October 27, 2017 at 8:15 AM

**Location**

Veritas Prep Charter School 1st Floor Conference Room or Dial-In Number: 866-848-2216,  
Conference Code: 7783935205

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**Trustees Present**

A. Mendelson, C. Alves, D. Ford, D. Fuller, D. Janes, J. Crowell, L. Doherty, M. Sweet, R. Sela,  
T. Moran

**Trustees Absent**

G. Moody, M. Landon, T. Gabinetti

**Trustees who arrived after the meeting opened**

L. Doherty

**Trustees who left before the meeting adjourned**

C. Alves, D. Janes, J. Crowell

**Guests Present**

G. Liquori

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**I. Opening Items**

A.

## **Record Attendance and Guests**

### **B. Call the Meeting to Order**

D. Janes called a meeting of the board of trustees of Veritas Preparatory Charter School to order on Friday Oct 27, 2017 at 8:18 AM.

### **C. Approve Minutes**

A. Mendelson made a motion to approve minutes from the Board Meeting on 09-29-17 Board Meeting on 09-29-17.

D. Fuller seconded the motion.

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

## **II. Academic Achievement**

### **A. Common Criteria #1**

D. Janes left.

Second item covered in the agenda. Rebecca walked the board through the mission and key design elements, drawing the boards attention to the new poster in the conference room that states them. They discussed the article recently published in Masslive.com and that knowing these design elements will help board members discuss the school. Judith gave her personal experience in regard to these design elements and how she's seen them reflected in her son. Discussion moved to how the design has been refined, focused, and reflecting in the school's processes like staffing. There was discussion around word choice and how they can be perceived and how accurate they are when discussing the processes of the school.

J. Crowell left.

C. Alves left.

## **III. Finance**

### **A. September Financials**

Lisa started by saying there was little progress made on goals. She then moved onto the summary of the finances. She highlighted that building costs are still an important budget item to keep in mind and will be reflected in the goals. Rachel gave some updates to some of these costs, specifically the recent water damage that happened due to recent weather. The extent of what needs to be fixed has yet to be determined but costs are well within the contingency.

## **IV. Governance**

### **A. Bylaws**

No vote will be held as they are not ready.

**B. FY 18 Goals**

Not ready to discuss.

**C. CORI Requests**

David delegated discussion about the CORI to Rachel. All employees are background checked and it came up in Gov Com that new board members should be checked. This was brought to the board to gauge how they feel about this and how the process will be handled should something come up.

**V. Other Business**

**A. Executive Director Report**

Rachel decided to move her update to the beginning of the meeting regarding expansion planning. Rachel and team are exploring opportunities to support turn around work in Holyoke and/or Springfield. Holyoke will publish an RFP, expected to be around early-mid November and could select operators as soon as December. There was discussion following about the timeline between Mike and Rachel, each discussing potential variables to this timeline and how it will allow the board to be involved. There was a brief and general discussion about how the CBA works in Holyoke's district under state receivership.

Rachel explained that fundraising is critical for the early years and would like to stick to a model that is sustainable on tuition dollars.

L. Doherty arrived.

**VI. Closing Items**

**A. Adjourn Meeting**

Before the meeting's end, Aaron wanted the board to recognize the great work Rachel and her team have done to achieve great results in last year's MCAS testing. There was then discussion about the success of the school, team, and scholars working together. There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 9:36 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
M. Sweet