



## Veritas Preparatory Charter School

### Minutes

#### Governance Committee Meeting

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**Date and Time**

Thursday November 1, 2018 at 8:15 AM

**Location**

370 Pine Street, Springfield, MA 01105

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**Committee Members Present**

A. Mendelson, C. Alves, D. Fuller, R. Romano, T. Moran (remote)

**Committee Members Absent**

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**I. Opening Items****A. Record Attendance and Guests****B. Call the Meeting to Order**

R. Romano called a meeting of the Governance Committee of Veritas Preparatory Charter School to order on Thursday Nov 1, 2018 at 8:30 AM.

**C. Approve Minutes****II. Governance****A. Strategic Plan**

The committee discussed the option of strategic planning with Bellweather. We feel it is best to hold off until we are ready to explore expansion (if at all) to engage Bellweather or another org to help us with that research and planning. David suggested bringing in the MCPSA to share more about the charter landscape and the advocacy agenda. This is an important body of knowledge for the board to have before we set strategic priorities.

Tom suggested that we should get a better understanding of whether or not it is possible to merge charters. We all agree. Tom suggested scheduling three hours over the next three months at board meetings to work on the strategic planning. use the board meetings to build background and get feedback to land at an agreed set of priorities. For regular business, send materials ahead of time and ask people to read/review and be ready to ask questions to be more efficient.

Next Board Meeting Agenda Topics:

1. Development - present the working group's deck for discussion - focus on "where we are going" slide (Nov)
2. Charter Association - present advocacy agenda or strategic plan - to build background on the movement (Dec)

Work in committees to unpack and refine the three priorities identified for development over the November, December and January meetings - bring a more robust plan to the whole board in January.

### **III. Closing Items**

#### **A. Adjourn Meeting**

Actions:

1. We will invite someone from MCPSA to speak to the board so we can get a better understanding of the landscape.
2. We will use the three priorities that we have named for development and have committees give feedback/input.

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 9:21 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
R. Romano