



Veritas Preparatory Charter School

Minutes

Board Meeting

Date and Time

Thursday June 25, 2020 at 4:30 PM

Location

Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85221051016?pwd=YUNZdHdPNEIRSWWhDL0RCYW8vUWJJQT09> Meeting ID: 852 2105 1016 Password: 442346 One tap mobile +19292056099,,85221051016# US (New York)

Trustees Present

A. Errichetti (remote), A. Mendelson (remote), D. Ford (remote), D. Fuller (remote), D. Janes (remote), G. Moody (remote), J. Crowell (remote), L. Doherty (remote), M. Sweet (remote), R. Martin (remote), R. Sela (remote), T. Gabinetti (remote)

Trustees Absent

M. Landon

Guests Present

R. Romano (remote)

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

D. Janes called a meeting of the board of trustees of Veritas Preparatory Charter School to order on Thursday Jun 25, 2020 at 4:36 PM.

C. Approve Minutes

A. Errichetti made a motion to approve the minutes from Board Meeting on 05-28-20.

R. Sela seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

M. Sweet	Aye
A. Errichetti	Aye
D. Janes	Aye
J. Crowell	Aye
L. Doherty	Aye
D. Fuller	Aye
A. Mendelson	Aye
G. Moody	Aye
R. Sela	Aye
D. Ford	Aye
T. Gabinetti	Aye
M. Landon	Absent
R. Martin	Aye

II. Governance

A. New Trustee Approvals

R. Martin made a motion to approve Terry Maxey and Xiomara Delobato to join the Board of Trustees of VPCS.

D. Fuller seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

D. Fuller	Aye
G. Moody	Aye
D. Ford	Aye
M. Sweet	Aye
L. Doherty	Aye
R. Martin	Aye
T. Gabinetti	Aye
J. Crowell	Aye
A. Errichetti	Aye
R. Sela	Aye
M. Landon	Absent
D. Janes	Aye
A. Mendelson	Aye

B.

FY21 Trustees, Officers and Committees

Governance Committee Proposed Votes re Trustees-Officers-Committee assignments for 2020 Veritas Prep Annual Meeting:

1. **Trustees:** That the following individuals be elected to serve on the VPCS Board for a three (3) year term beginning on July 1, 2020 (the term # of each candidate-going forward- is indicated in parentheses):
 1. **Tony Gabinetti (third)**
 2. **Denise Ford (second)**
 3. **Terry Maxey (first)**
 4. **Xiomara Alban Delobato (first)**

1. **Officers:** That the following individuals shall serve as the Officers of VPCH for the fiscal year commencing on July 1, 2020 (the term of such candidate in the present office is in parenthesis):
 1. **Chairman: Dale Janes (second year)**
 2. **Vice Chair: Ann Errichetti (first year)**
 3. **Treasurer: Denise Ford (first year)**
 4. **Secretary: Robert Martin (first year)**

1. **Committee Assignments:** That the following Board members shall serve on the following Committees for the year beginning on July 1, 2020:
 1. **Finance: Denise Ford, Chair; Matt Landon; Tony Gabintti; Robert Martin; (Terry Maxey; David Fuller.**
 2. **Academic Achievement: Rebecca Sela, Chair; Dale Janes; Judith Crowell; Lisa Doherty; Greg Moody; Ann Errichetti; Xiomara Alban Delobato.**
 3. **Governance: David Fuller, Chair; Aaron Mendelson; Thomas Moran (Trustee Emeritus).**

D. Janes made a motion to approve the slate of trustees, officers and committees as proposed by the governance committee.

J. Crowell seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

A. Errichetti	Aye
L. Doherty	Aye
M. Sweet	Aye
J. Crowell	Aye
A. Mendelson	Aye
M. Landon	Absent
D. Ford	Aye
D. Janes	Aye
T. Gabinetti	Aye
R. Sela	Aye

Roll Call

D. Fuller Aye
R. Martin Aye
G. Moody Aye

C. Committee Goals for FY21

Rachel shared that the governance committee will share results from survey given to board in 2018 and a summary of progress made which they can use to inform goal setting. We are asking all committees to set goals for FY21 and report them out to board in September.

III. Finance

A. Monthly Financials

Lisa shared that finances look very good, we will end the year with a surplus. The team is trying to spend some of the surplus on things we will need next year so we can offset some of the anticipated budgetary challenges of next year.

IV. Academic Achievement

A. Update from the chair

Rebecca shared that the committee discussed engagement data and examined the trends. It was generally strong compared with how other schools are doing and given how rigorous our expectations for engagement are at VPCS. There was a dip in this data which is typical at the end of the year.

We also got an update about some of the professional development happening for emerging leaders that aligns with antiracism priorities. Rachel shared about the 8th graduation. The committee discussed the process for reopening planning.

V. Executive Director Report

A. Reopening Planning

Rachel shared highlights from the DESE guidance on fall reopening. Most of what was released was what we anticipated. We appreciate some of the flexibility and the stated goal to get as many kids back into school as possible. We will be conducting feasibility tests and surveying parents to inform our plan which we will submit to DESE in August as required. We had already been planning and everything we were doing aligns with the guidance which now brings a few things into focus and allows us to move forward.

B. Anti Racism Work

The antiracism change team has drafted a set of standards, this was their mission for the year. They worked hard and we now have a draft of anti racism standards through which we can examine our policies and practices. The change team has rolled them out to our school leaders and to the staff. We will invite a change team member to share them with the board soon.

High school facility search is underway. We hired Springfield firm Colebrook to solicit proposals that meet our space needs. We expect to land on a location within 90 days. The board should expect us to present them with the best option this fall and make a decision.

VI. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

M. Sweet made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

A. Mendelson seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

R. Martin Aye

L. Doherty Aye

T. Gabinetti Aye

R. Sela Aye

A. Mendelson Aye

M. Sweet Aye

M. Landon Absent

A. Errichetti Aye

G. Moody Aye

J. Crowell Aye

D. Fuller Aye

D. Ford Aye

D. Janes Aye

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 5:43 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

R. Romano

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