



## Pharos Academy Charter School

### Minutes

BLCS August 2017 Board Meeting: August 17, 2017

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#### Date and Time

Thursday August 17, 2017 at 6:30 PM

#### Location

1005 Intervale Avenue, Bronx, NY 10459

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#### Trustees Present

B. Thompson, E. DeGonzalez, J. Lopez-Molina, V. Caba

#### Trustees Absent

H. Mehreteab, N. Jones, R. Granado

#### Guests Present

A. Duggins, J. Finney, M. Rousseau (remote), T. Brown

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### I. Opening Items

#### A. Record Attendance and Guests

Present

- Evelyn
- Briar
- Javier
- Vilma
- Robb (by phone)

Absent

- Hagos
- Nikali

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

J. Finney called a meeting of the board of trustees of Pharos Academy Charter School to order on Thursday Aug 17, 2017 at 6:49 PM.

## **C. Approve Minutes**

J. Lopez-Molina made a motion to approve minutes BLCS July 2017 Board Meeting on 07-20-17.

E. DeGonzalez seconded the motion.

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

# **II. Board Governance**

## **A. Board Governance**

Subcommittee on restorative justice met. Ground rules for the team going forward were discussed. Committee was renamed as "School Culture" to broaden the remit. The committee will continue to meet regularly to discuss any developments.

# **III. Principal's Report**

## **A. BLCS K-8 Principal's Report**

At the moment, school is fully staffed and everyone is excited to get started.

E. DeGonzalez made a motion to Approve 2017-2018 Handbook.

V. Caba seconded the motion.

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

## **B. BLCS 9-12 Principal's Report**

Two vacancies, but working to fill. August Regents scores should be back soon.

Planning for Gateway and working to plan this and have a good start to the school year.

E. DeGonzalez made a motion to Approve 2017-2018 Handbook.

V. Caba seconded the motion.

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

# **IV. Facility**

## **A. Facility Updates**

Elevator will be repaired with Fri or Monday. Some fresh paint has been applied and everything is generally working very well.

## **V. Finance**

### **A. Finance Report**

Finance report revenue line items are coming in higher than original budget by \$167k. A budget amendment needs to be approved by the board to re-allocate this amount.

Travis, Mary Beth, and Alix will work together to form this and bring it to the board.

Beginning the process of looking for options for refinancing in 2018. Objective is to make best financial decision to help us lower our borrowing costs so we can focus on education.

## **VI. Executive Director Comments/ Report**

### **A. LHA Executive Director Report**

Reviewed the potential structure for the future Executive Director's report. Discussed the Talent Acquisition Role that is split between the Lighthouse area schools.

Team discussed charter renewal and what support can be expected. Courtney presented consultant support options. \$25k fee for 2 year contract. Annual report support. Board evaluation/facilitation. The board discussed potential overlap between support provided by LHA and support provided by Board on Track.

## **VII. Closing Items**

### **A. Adjourn Meeting**

Team discussed posting job openings for the Board. The plan is post the job and distribute links to the board to post on social media.

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:59 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
J. Lopez-Molina