



Pharos Academy Charter School

Minutes

Pharos Academy Charter School Board Meeting

Date and Time

Thursday November 18, 2021 at 6:30 PM

Location

1001 Intervale Avenue
Bronx, NY 10459

**PHAROS ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL
BOARD of TRUSTEES MEETING**

All meetings of the Board of Trustees of the Pharos Academy Charter School are held in compliance with New York State Open Meeting Law.

Date: November 18, 2021

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: 1001 Intervale Avenue, Bronx, NY 10459

Other Location(s): <https://bronxlighthouse.zoom.us/j/5239033349>

ALL ARE INVITED TO ATTEND!

**PHAROS ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL
DE LA JUNTA ADMINISTRATIVA**

Realizamos todas las reuniones de la Junta Administrativa de la escuela Pharos Academy Charter School conforme a la Ley de Reuniones Abiertas del Estado de Nueva York.

Día: 18 de noviembre 2021

Hora: 6:30 p.m.

Lugar: 1001 Intervale Avenue, Bronx, NY 10459

Otros Lugares: <https://bronxlighthouse.zoom.us/j/523903334>

Trustees Present

A. Abreu (remote), B. Thompson (remote), J. Lopez-Molina (remote), K. Shah (remote), R. Granado (remote), S. Jean-Jacques (remote), T. Perez (remote)

Trustees Absent

N. Jones, S. Sutherland

Guests Present

A. Nann (remote), Anne Sullivan (remote), C. Russell (remote), Julian Irving (remote), M. Dorsey (remote), S. Beier (remote), T. Brown (remote), T. South (remote)

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance and Guests

B. Call the Meeting to Order

J. Lopez-Molina called a meeting of the board of trustees of Pharos Academy Charter School to order on Thursday Nov 18, 2021 at 6:36 PM.

II. Board Governance

A. Approve Minutes

J. Lopez-Molina made a motion to approve the minutes from Pharos Academy Charter School Board Meeting on 10-21-21.

R. Granado seconded the motion.

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

B. NYC DOE Charter Renewal

Discussion moved to December 2021. The DOE has notified the school of the date changes for the renewal process. This item has been moved to next month.

III. Finance Committee Review

A. Finance Committee Report

School finances in great shape with healthy cash on hand values. No major changes or items to review. Managing the navigating forward expenses. Finance committee anticipate a budget amendment in the near future.

K. Shah made a motion to Approve October 2021 Financials.

J. Lopez-Molina seconded the motion.

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

B. Investment Policy Review

Investment Policy that was reviewed by the Finance Committee was presented to the Board for approval.

K. Shah made a motion to Approve Investment Policy.

R. Granado seconded the motion.

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

C. Investment Account Update

D. FY21 Audit

E. Expenses Over 50K, Navigating Forward

IV. COVID-19 Updates

A. COVID-19 Updates

COVID Update presented by Principal Brown.

DOE has been helpful with Pop-Up vaccination sites. 25 Students received the first dose of the vaccination. Second dosage will be required in the future, Pharos Academy is gearing up in preparation for the pop up vaccination site to be at the school.

COVID Cases reported as 11 Students and 2 Staff Members

Testing for the positive cases are done twice a week to maintain safety for the School as a whole.

V. Culture Committee Report

A. Culture Committee Report

Culture Committee have not met as of last month.

VI. Academic Committee Report

A. Academic Committee Report

Quick call with Principal Brown regarding the testing results.

Principal Brown provided overview of the testing results for the New York State 2020-2021 Standardized Testing Grades 3-8 (Math and ELA)

Overall results are positive for the school based on other schools.

VII. Executive Director's Report

A. Executive Director's Report

Principal Brown discussed High School Interim Assessment I results.

High School Science, ELA & Social Studies curriculum plans discussed.

Major performance areas discussed in detail and the Board will be updated on the progress of the curriculum plans.

Culture and Discipline

Behavioral concerns regarding vaping and edible usage among high school scholars.

Suspension activities from September- November 18, 2021 were discussed with Board related to the vaped/puff pins usage.

High School HomeComing - Student Organizations are growing.

Scholars are showing up and acclimated in getting back to school.

College visits coming to the High School in the near future.

VIII. Facilities

A. Facilities Update

Facility update shared with the Board, the School Billboard on Westchester Avenue/Souther Boulevard.

Night Crew cleaning crew interviews started this month.

Gas line repairs discussed. Inspection with department of buildings, additional remediation costs will be incurred in the facility repair and maintenance cost. The concern is around the heating concerns and school facilities are working diligently with Con Edison and DOE around getting this resolved as quickly as possible.

Plan A if the repair work is not completed the Plan B is to consider remote learning as last resort.

IX. Board Member Interview

A. Board Member Interview

Board Member Interviewee: Anne Sullivan

Board brief introduction of Board Members and School.

Interviewee provided brief history, interest in becoming a Board Member.

X. Board Member Vote

A. Board Member Vote

Motion to Not to move forward with Anne Sullivan.

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

XI. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

Enter into Executive Session at 8:25PM

Exit out of Executive Session at 8:34PM

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
M. Dorsey