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## Pharos Academy Charter School

### Minutes

#### Pharos Academy Charter School Board Meeting

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**Date and Time**

Thursday February 17, 2022 at 6:30 PM

**Location**

1001 Intervale Avenue  
Bronx, NY 10459

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**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:** February 17, 2022

**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!**

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

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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:** 17 de febrero 2022

**Hora:** 6:30 p.m.

**Lugar:** 1001 Intervale Avenue, Bronx, NY 10459

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

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### **Trustees Present**

A. Abreu (remote), B. Thompson (remote), J. Lopez-Molina (remote), R. Granado (remote), S. Sutherland (remote), T. Perez (remote)

### **Trustees Absent**

K. Shah, N. Jones, S. Jean-Jacques

### **Guests Present**

C. Russell (remote), J. Sowell (remote), M. Dorsey (remote), S. Beier (remote), Sheikh Muizz (remote), T. Brown (remote), T. South (remote)

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## **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 Feb 17, 2022 at 6:36 PM.

## **II. Public Comments**

### **A. Public Comments**

No public comments

## **III. Board Governance**

### **A. Approve Minutes**

J. Lopez-Molina made a motion to approve the minutes from Pharos Academy Charter School Board Meeting (Zoom) on 01-20-22.

R. Granado seconded the motion.

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

**B. Board Recruitment**

Board Skills Assessment - Board on Track

Board members requested to participate in the Board Skills Assessment to assist in the Board recruiting process. Time taken during the Board Meeting for the members to complete the assessment.

**C. PHACS Scholarships**

Application process has been completed. The Scholarship has been presented to the College & Career Staff and will be presented in the effort to increase the number of applicants.

**IV. Finance Committee Review**

**A. Finance Committee Report**

No items over \$50K for Board review.

Financials are on track for a balance budget and healthy financials for the school year.

R. Granado made a motion to Approve the January 2022 Financials presented in the Board Packet.

T. Perez seconded the motion.

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

**B. Investment Account Update**

Investment activity discussed during the finance call. No major changes all activity is moving forward as expected.

**C. Expenses Over 50K, Navigating Forward**

**V. COVID-19 Updates**

**A. COVID-19 Updates**

Weekly testing still occurring, positive results very low.

No major updates, goal to increase vaccination rates for families.

**VI. Executive Director's Report**

## **A. Executive Director's Report**

High School first half interim assessment were discussed for the subjects:

- Global I , Global II, US History, Us Government, Economics
- ELA / Grades 9-12
- Biology, Chemistry, Human Body System, Physical Science, Physics
- Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, PreCalculus

Tutoring & target support are the two strategies being used to improve testing scores.  
Targeting the scholars that are approaching proficiency levels.

Math sequence to be reviewed and aligned with the Science sequence.  
Algebra instructors are needed at the High School and aggressive recruitment will be considered.

Interim assessment data for the second cycle will be available at the next Board Meeting.

Most constant teachers are in Geometry & PreCalculus. High quality Algebra teachers on the 9th & 11th Grade levels have been challenging. The pandemic has also presented a challenge with the learning loss factor.

Principal working on various options to improve the learning experience for the High School Science and Math Subjects.

Next assessment cycle - April 2022

## **VII. Facilities**

### **A. Facilities Update**

Facility heat is operating, no other major updates at this time.

## **VIII. Executive Session**

### **A. Executive Session**

Entered into executive sessions at 8:05 PM

Agenda: Contractual Discussion- Finance Provider  
ED Evaluation

Financial Provider transition discussed- CBSM - 4th Sector  
Board requested to approve the services agreement with 4th Sector Solutions

Exited Executive Sessions: 8:20 PM

## **IX. Closing Items**

### **A. Adjourn Meeting**

J. Lopez-Molina made a motion to approve 4SS Agreement.

R. Granado seconded the motion.

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

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 8:22 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

M. Dorsey