

APPROVED



Pharos Academy Charter School

Minutes

Pharos Academy Charter School Board Meeting

Date and Time

Thursday May 19, 2022 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.

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Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: 1001 Intervale Avenue, Bronx, NY 10459

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

133 Graylyn Drive, Chapel Hill, NC 27516

350 Warren Street, Jersey City, NJ 07302

1255 North Avenue New Rochelle 10804 Apt 1A

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.

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Trustees Present

A. Abreu, J. Lopez-Molina, J. Sowell, R. Granado (remote), S. Beier, S. Jean-Jacques, T. Perez, T. South

Trustees Absent

A. Nann, B. Thompson, K. Shah, S. Sutherland

Guests Present

Alison Sanchez-Rendon, C. Russell, Chelsea Chinedo, David Gonzalez, Estefany Angeles, Jonathan Crosse, Loryene Lember, M. Dorsey, Rebecca Solivan, T. Brown

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 May 19, 2022 at 6:40 PM.

II. PHACS Scholarship

A. PHACS Scholarship Presentations

Scholarship Presentations:

1. David Gonzalez : NYI of Technology
2. Alison Sanchez-Rendon : City College
3. Chelsea Chinedo : Cornell University

4. Loreyne Lombert: City College
5. Jonathan Crosse: Florida Agriculture and Mechanical University

Each scholar shared the challenges, accomplishments, personal and educational goals.
The Board would like to consider the number of awards that can be given.

B. PHACS Scholarship Award Winners

The Board would like to award scholarships to all 5 final applicants.

III. Board Governance

A. Approve Minutes

J. Lopez-Molina made a motion to approve the minutes from Pharos Academy Charter School Board Meeting on 04-21-22.

J. Sowell seconded the motion.

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

B. 22 - 23 Board Meeting Calendar

IV. Finance Committee Review

A. Finance Committee Report

Finance Committee, Tuesday Meeting Highlights:

First month with 4th Sector Solutions and things are moving along accordingly.

Transition has been a huge win for the school.

Deficit previously reported has been updated to reporting in a surplus.

FY23 Budget is currently being preparing for presentation at the June 2022 Board Meeting.

Insurance concerned related to the Fire will be discussed at a later date.

J. Lopez-Molina made a motion to Approve the May 2022 Financials.

S. Jean-Jacques seconded the motion.

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

B. Investment Account Update

Quarterly investment reflected a small decrease.

C. Expenses Over 50K, Navigating Forward

D. FY23 Budget

In preparation for June 2022 presentation.

V. COVID-19 Updates

A. COVID-19 Updates

Principal Brown shared with Board. There has been no significant increase in COVID cases at the school. School Leadership has agreed to continue to maintain the mask mandate during school hours and random COVID testing every week.

VI. Culture Committee Report

A. Culture Committee Report

Culture Committee have no updates.

VII. Executive Director's Report

A. Executive Director's Report

Pharos 9-12 Catalog Shared with Board Members

Principal Brown provided data regarding 12th Grade/ Graduation Rate.

June graduation is considered on track.

Approximately 13 Scholars graduating in August 2022.

90% graduation rate anticipated for this year.

" No More Than Four" approach to focus on Scholars achieving within the 4 Year period from Grades 9-12.

75 Scholars currently strongly active in Sports Programs

School will be focusing on School Clubs, Night School and other AfterSchool Programs to continue to improve the School Culture.

Board inquiry presented for consideration - Ivy League School Program participation for the High School.

Other services discussed related to meeting the Sensory and Other OTC Needs.

Speech Therapist services are offered by DOE, Pharos Academy Charter School does not have an inside service available.

VIII. Facilities

A. Facilities Update

Courtney Russell provided updates related to Facility Restoration Project.

- Air Ducts cleaned, Air Quality Test was taken and approved.
- 5 Classroom currently unavailable until restoration has been 100% completed.
- Elementary School to re-open on Monday May 23, 2022.
- Rebuilding to be completed within the next 1-3 Months.

IX. Executive Session

A. Scholar Matter

Scholar matter updates discussed with Board regarding the details and progress of the next steps for the School to report and provide closure.

B. Facility Matter

Restoration/Rebuilding Project concerns discussed regarding vendor responsive procedures.

X. Executive Session Voting (If Necessary)

A. Scholar Matter

B. Facilities Matter

J. Lopez-Molina made a motion to Authorize Courtney Russell to move forward with the Prestige proposal in the amount of \$88,000 to continue with repaired related to Fire Restoration at 1001 Intervale Avenue Bronx, NY 10459.

S. Jean-Jacques seconded the motion.

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

XI. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

Board Entered into Executive Session 8:28 PM

Board Exited out of Executive Session 8:48 PM

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 8:48 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
M. Dorsey