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# Pharos Academy Charter School

## Minutes

### Pharos Academy Charter School Board Meeting

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#### **Date and Time**

Thursday May 16, 2024 at 6:30 PM

#### **Location**

Pharos Academy Charter School  
1005 Intervale Avenue  
Bronx, NY 10459

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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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**Location:** 1005 Intervale Avenue, Bronx, NY 10459

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

700 N Larrabee Street, APT 1915, Chicago, IL 60654

1255 North Avenue, New Rochelle, NY 10801

752 Hickory Hill Road, Wyckoff, NJ 07481

**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.

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### **Trustees Present**

B. Thompson, J. Sowell (remote), K. Shah, P. Wesonga, S. Sutherland (remote), T. Perez, T. South

### **Trustees Absent**

G. Garcia, J. Lopez-Molina, R. Granado, S. Beier, S. Jean-Jacques

### **Guests Present**

C. Russell, Camille Colgan, Craig Napier, M. Dorsey, T. Brown

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## **I. Opening Items**

### **A. Record Attendance and Guests**

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

C. Russell called a meeting of the board of trustees of Pharos Academy Charter School to order on Thursday May 16, 2024 at 6:50 PM.

## **II. PHACS Staff Presentation**

### **A. PHACS Staff Presentation**

Camille Colgan teacher provided past background and current working experience at Pharos Academy Charter School.

Subject of Teaching - Global in Action, Majority Scholars- Freshman

### III. Board Governance

#### A. Approve Minutes

B. Thompson made a motion to approve the minutes from Pharos Academy Charter School Board Meeting on 04-18-24.

P. Wesonga seconded the motion.

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

#### B. Follow Up

#### C. Board Retreat

Discuss results of survey that was presented to the Board.

Topics of interest were Board expansion and recruitment.

Retreat timing discussed - July 18 & September 19 were the highest rated dates.

Agenda will be formatted for further review and discussion.

#### D. PHACS 2024 Board Scholarship

Scholarship Awarded to Seniors that stays with them throughout the college school years.

Scholars applications will be present at the June 2024.

Review the process to confirm that the scholars awarded will need the funds. Scholars who receive full scholarship, will they have a need for the funds awards from the Scholarship awarded by the Board.

Review to change for the FY25 School Year.

Board to consider special circumstances and grade requirements. Changes can be discussed and presented in June 2024 for the FY25 School Year scholarship procedure.

### IV. Finance Committee Review

#### A. Finance Committee Report

Enrollment and Lottery prices discussed during the Finance Call.

745 Max - Goal 725

No significant financial concerns and school is on track

K. Shah made a motion to Approve April 2024 Financials.

T. Perez seconded the motion.

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

**B. Investment Account Update**

**C. Items Over 50K**

**V. FY25 Budget**

**A. FY25 Budget**

FY25 Budget is currently still in progress.  
COVID funds are no longer distributed as of FY25.  
Comparison of current budget and wish list items.  
ESSER is going away but other grants have been applied for.

**VI. Executive Director's Report**

**A. Executive Director's Report**

SAT scores reviewed with Board Members  
Goal to get many students over 1000. Prep test services used to support preparation for the SAT, which will start in August (During the summer) and on Saturdays, once School starts.  
This prep activity is optional for students. Excited with the scores that have been presented and school will be looking for the next set of scores in October 2024 with possibly results available in November 2024.

**VII. Academic Committee Report**

**A. Academic Committee Report**

Spend time speaking about College and College Fair.  
Money spent going to College and repurposing those funds.  
Exposure is great but a better way to bring College knowledge with less traveling.

List of previous scholars college choices is available and can be presented to Board in the future.

College tours are available for HBCU's , closest chosen are in Delaware.

Scholarship items discussed , college and career department bringing in more scholarship funds for the scholars. Current focus is on the few top scholarships with the goal to expand this few to many more in the future years.

Westpoint, ROTC and other colleges discusses as potential endeavors for future scholars.

### **VIII. Culture Committee Report**

#### **A. Culture Committee Report**

No meeting held

### **IX. Facilities**

#### **A. Facilities Update**

No updates, all things are going well with Direct Clean - cleaning company.

### **X. Closing Items**

#### **A. Adjourn Meeting**

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:53 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
B. Thompson