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# Pharos Academy Charter School

## Minutes

### Pharos Academy Charter School Board Meeting

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**Date and Time**

Thursday September 19, 2024 at 6:30 PM

**Location**

<https://bronxlighthouse.zoom.us/j/5239033349>

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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.

**Date:** September 19, 2024

**Time:** 6:30 p.m.

**Location:** 1005 Intervale Avenue, Bronx, NY 10459 11215

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1301 Wyandotte Street, Kansas City, MO 64105

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**ALL ARE INVITED TO ATTEND!**

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**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

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

### Trustees Absent

G. Garcia, R. Granado, S. Jean-Jacques, T. Perez

### Guests Present

C. Russell, J. Rivera (remote), Janae Matthews (Scholar), M. Dorsey, T. Brown

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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 Sep 19, 2024 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 09-04-24.

P. Wesonga seconded the motion.

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

### B. Scholarship Reflection

Survey discussed last month will be available next month

**C. PHACS Scholar/Board Event**

**III. Finance Committee Review**

**A. Finance Committee Report**

K. Shah made a motion to Approve the August 2024 Financials.

J. Lopez-Molina seconded the motion.

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

Finance Committee met this week. Numbers are all in order for the beginning of the year.

Enrollment number are around 700, as the school plans to increase this number to 720.

**B. Investment Account Update**

**C. Items Over 50K**

**IV. Executive Director's Report**

**A. Executive Director's Report**

Alumni Event planned in the month of December 2024.

Goal is to get the High School students connected to the Alumni students.

Last year this took place at the Barclays Center

It will take place this year at the Barclays Center on 12/27/2024. The Board is also invited to attend this event.

The graduation speaker has been an Alumni in the past and this will be a trend that will be followed moving forward.

First two weeks of school , quiet and moving along.

Launching the big initiative, a club block will now occur at 2:30 PM

Cooking, Dance, Board Game,

2:30 PM-3:30 PM - Club Block Time

Fair took place yesterday allowing students to select the clubs they would like to participate and be a part of.

## V. Academic Committee Report

### A. Academic Committee Report

London - Oxford University staying at the Rhodes House in the month of January '25.

Principal working on this program allowing students to earn college credits and working on financial support for the

High School - Professional Series offering twice a month.

Allowing professionals to come in and discuss their line of work in their given profession.

The Board members are invited to participate and come in and talk about their careers.

Sign up to be sent out to allow Board Members to participate to allow professionals to connect with the Pharos scholars.

Other programs will be presented to scholars related to resume writing and how to dress for an interview and how to present within an interview.

## VI. Facilities

### A. Facilities Update

No updates related to facilities. All school facilities are operating as required.

## VII. Executive Session

### A. Scholar Matter

Board Entered into Executive Sessions at 6:58 PM to discuss a legal matter.

Board Exited Executive Session at 7:24 PM

### B. Board Candidate

## VIII. Board Candidate

### A. Board Candidate

K. Shah made a motion to approve Joseph Rivera to join the PHACS Board.

P. Wesonga seconded the motion.

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

## **IX. Closing Items**

### **A. Adjourn Meeting**

Meeting Adjourned at 7:25 PM

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
M. Dorsey