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Pharos Academy Charter School

Minutes

Pharos Academy Charter School Board Meeting

Date and Time

Thursday January 16, 2025 at 6:30 PM

Location

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

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: 1005 Intervale Avenue, Bronx, NY 10459 11215

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326 McClellan Avenue, Mount Vernon, NY

752 Hickory Hill Road, Wyckoff, NJ 07481

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

G. Garcia (remote), J. Lopez-Molina, J. Sowell, K. Shah, P. Wesonga, T. Perez (remote), T. South, V. Angeles

Trustees Absent

J. Rivera, S. Sutherland

Guests Present

C. Russell, M. Dorsey, T. Brown

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance and Guests

B. Call the Meeting to Order

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 on 12-19-24.

P. Wesonga seconded the motion.

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

B. PHACS Scholar/Board Event

Reflections of the Barclays Event (Homecoming Event)

Homecoming Week was amazing with approximately 75 alumni coming back at different times of the week.

The crown jewel was the work panel. Current students asked amazing and thoughtful questions

Barclays event was a good night and great impact on current and alumni students.

C. PHACS Committees

Executive and Education committee is in need of additional support members.

Culture Committee, is this committee still needed.

Board to review the Executive Committee to gain

Executive Committee has 5 members, with Joseph stepping on. Tamara South will be added as AdHoc to this committee.

Sarah has resigned from the Board so the office of Secretary is needed for the Board.

Maria Dorsey is currently taking the minutes for the Board. The Board discussed various softwares that could support minutes.

Tamara South has volunteered to take on the office of Secretary.

Education Committee is in need of members. Current members are Tahina Perez and Sacey Sutherland. Vanessa will throw her name in the hat for this position and she will be very transparent in the event she is unable to fulfill her duties in this position.

Tahina Perez was recommended for the Chair of the Education Committee

Ad Hoc Work Groups

CEO Support and Evaluation - currently active with 3 members

Development- suggestion to add to the Culture Committee

Facilities - currently active with 2 members

School Culture- Vanessa and Patrick have volunteered to be added to this committee.

Vanessa can support the scheduling responsibilities as Stacey is working through a few activities.

J. Lopez-Molina made a motion to To approve all added memberships and adjustments.

P. Wesonga seconded the motion.

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

D. PowerSchool Data Breach

School has been affected by this recent breach.

A few student and staff data was exposed and the Board has been asked to recommend the best method of notification. NYSED has provided a form that is required by the school.

The school has CyberSecurity insurance. The breach was not on the end of the School but it was on the end of PowerSchool. Especially since we are a school, the insurance may already have coverage and other items lined up.

Does the school have legal counsel or requirement. DOE has not stated anything as of yet only the State level.

Jarrold Sowell has volunteered to research and support this matter.

The Board has suggested that notification should be prepared and distributed to those who were affected. Notification will need to be drafted for presentation.

The Board suggested conversing with other schools that this may have affected.

IV. Finance Committee Review

A. Finance Committee Report

Monday finance call meeting took place, Enrollment is moving steady, numbers are running a little lower than anticipated. A few kids have moved out of state within the last few weeks.

If needed budget adjustment will be presented to the Board at a later date based on enrollment .

K. Shah made a motion to Approve the December 2024 financials.

J. Lopez-Molina seconded the motion.

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

B. Investment Account Update

C. Items Over 50K

V. Executive Director's Report

A. Executive Director's Report

Students are in the process of taking I-Ready assessments and alnterim Assessments will be occurring with the next two weeks for all scholars- K-12 .

All other activities are moving along as planned.

London trip will take place from Sunday - Saturday (Jan 26-Jan 31, 2025)

In the future the Board would like to invest in supporting and fundraising for trips similar to this .

VI. Academic Committee Report

A. Academic Committee Report

Report to be presented next month

VII. 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 7:41 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
J. Lopez-Molina