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# Pioneer Valley Performing Arts Charter Public School

## Minutes

### Governance Committee Meeting

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#### Date and Time

Tuesday May 23, 2023 at 7:00 PM

#### Location

Zoom: [https://dartmouth.zoom.us/j/94206079810?](https://dartmouth.zoom.us/j/94206079810?pwd=OU4xS1BLQUI0cllqUkk5dGJkQWpZUT09)  
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#### Committee Members Present

Azizah Yasin (remote), EJ Lafleur (remote), LATRINA DENSON (remote), Shino Pichette (remote)

#### Committee Members Absent

Vanessa Ford

#### Committee Members who arrived after the meeting opened

LATRINA DENSON

#### Guests Present

Brent Nielsen (remote)

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### I. Opening Items

#### A. Record Attendance

#### B. Call the Meeting to Order

Shino Pichette called a meeting of the Governance Committee of Pioneer Valley Performing Arts Charter Public School to order on Tuesday May 23, 2023 at 7:13 PM.

**C. Read Mission Statement**

EJ read it.

LATRINA DENSON arrived at 7:15 PM.

**D. Approve Apr 26 Gov Mtg Minutes**

Shino Pichette made a motion to approve the minutes from Governance Committee Meeting on 04-26-23.

Azizah Yasin seconded the motion.

The committee **VOTED** to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

Shino Pichette      Aye

LATRINA DENSON    Aye

Vanessa Ford        Absent

Azizah Yasin        Aye

EJ Lafleur           Aye

**II. Governance**

**A. Discussion: Slate of Officers for 2023-24**

What is the most important when considering officers? Year long continuity or getting in "new blood" to become more engaged?

The Clerk is a very important role. We got noted by DESE to be more mindful of this area in the past.

The Vice Chair was added to the PVPA ByLaws recently. So, it's not a legally required role besides our bylaws.

Slate we plan to put forward -

Chair: David

Vice Chair: Latrina

Clerk: Shino

Treasurer: Neil

Shadow Officer: Azizah

**B. ByLaw Updates Discussion**

Timeline discussed.

### **C. Review of new policies presented by Head of School**

No policy from Brent this year. Brent plans to bring the new accountability plan to the full board at the next meeting that has provisional approval. The board will be asked to approve it, and then it is submitted to the commissioner, who then recommends it to DESE formally. This means that the annual report due August 1 will be according to that accountability plan, rather than the outdated one.

It's not just a policy, which is why Brent isn't bringing it to the Gov Committee mtg, but just straight to the full board.

Some changes:

We will no longer include standard based grading... we won't be getting rid of that in practice, but it's not linked to our mission. This plan will include multiple learning styles goals. Most of this accountability plan links back to our original charter application and mission. This will also focus more on putting PVPA out into the community.

### **III. Other Business**

#### **A. Confirm Monthly Meeting Time**

We won't plan to meet over the summer (like the full board).

### **IV. 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 8:02 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Shino Pichette