



Pioneer Valley Performing Arts Charter Public School

Minutes

Special Governance Committee Meeting

Date and Time

Tuesday June 20, 2023 at 8:00 PM

Location

Zoom Meeting

<https://dartmouth.zoom.us/j/94206079810?pwd=OU4xS1BLQUI0cIlqUkk5dGJkQWpZUT09>

Committee Members Present

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

Committee Members Absent

None

Guests Present

Brent Nielsen (remote), David Potter (remote), Mindi Winter (remote)

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 Jun 20, 2023 at 8:09 PM.

C.

Read Mission Statement

EJ read the mission statement.

D. Approve May 23 Gov Mtg Minutes

LATRINA DENSON made a motion to approve the minutes from Governance Committee Meeting on 05-23-23.

Azizah Yasin seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

LATRINA DENSON Aye

Vanessa Ford Aye

Azizah Yasin Aye

Shino Pichette Aye

EJ Lafleur Aye

II. Governance

A. Discussion: Slate of Officers for 2023-24

Let's be sure to discuss any concerns and keep the conversation fully open.

NEXT WE NEED TO RENOMINATE MEMBERS before officers. This will be done at the next board meeting. Latrina and David need to be renominated as members.

Mindi has also expressed interest in running for the chair position. No one else explicitly expressed interest in any other role in advance.

How is interest in officership communicated to the gov committee? This time, emails were sent to the chair of the governance committee - be we can organize this differently in the future or moving forward with this process.

Is there a way that we, as the Gov Committee can hear from nominated individuals?
Yes.

Have we fully solicited from the board who might be interested in officer positions?
We solicited verbally for any self nominations or nominations of others from the board in the May meeting. But we can also be sure to keep the vote open in this next process

Mindi:

- Put her name forward due to her experience with Union negotiations, and she wasn't sure if David was interested in continuing on in the role.

- Question about the union negotiations. Mindi would bring updates to the board in executive session at every board meeting. It is important for the chair of the board to know how the board feels while doing negotiations.

David:

- Put his name forward to continue because he enjoys doing the work, enjoys this board team, he wants to continue.
- David has brought broad updates to the board as needed, there previously wasn't real movement, David would plan to bring issues about sensitive issues as they arise with the board.

EJ suggests that we hold an open election on Monday (after we elect new role terms).

We don't have to put forward a slate in this process. We CAN put together a slate, but we don't have to. The governance committee seems it would be best to not put together a slate at this time. We also can't put together a slate with members who aren't yet renominated.

The bylaws say "officers will be nominated by the gov committee". The gov committee should not be "electing" the E-board, the gov committee should be "nominating" officers.

How shall we order the vote?

- Chair
- Clerk
- Treasurer
- VP

Azizah will not be present at the meeting on Monday, is there any way for her to vote? Let's check with Mike Mizonni. Maybe the vote could be sealed and have it count. This was done once in the past for a known vote.

We all like the idea of Azizah being chair of Governance since that isn't a formal officer role. Azizah would be interested in this as long as she has some tutelage to be sure she knows what she is doing.

III. 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 8:53 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Shino Pichette