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# Pioneer Valley Performing Arts Charter Public School

## Minutes

### Board Meeting with DESE - Core Criteria Site Visit

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#### Date and Time

Wednesday May 8, 2024 at 10:00 AM

#### Location

VIRTUAL ONLY

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81618189058>

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#### Trustees Present

Azizah Yasin (remote), Fiona Yates (remote), LATRINA DENSON (remote), Mindi Winter (remote), Shino Pichette (remote), Vanessa Ford (remote)

#### Trustees Absent

David Cavallin, David Potter, Neil Hede, Sasha Viands, Tim Cable

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### I. Opening Items

#### A. Record Attendance

#### B. Call the Meeting to Order

Shino Pichette called a meeting of the board of trustees of Pioneer Valley Performing Arts Charter Public School to order on Wednesday May 8, 2024 at 10:06 AM.

#### C. Approve Minutes

DESE Review Visit:

Janice Pamphile and Melissa Gordon from DESE introduced themselves.

Charter School Performance Criteria Review.

- Discussed highlights
- Discussed board composition
- Discussed school mission, how does the school meet goals
  - Schedule creates space for academic excellence. Review academic achievement & make management plans to improve as needed.
  - Arts Integration for intensive exposure to arts.
  - Supportive of IEP and 504s. Also the curriculum allows space for various approaches to students. Dual enrollment courses. Lots of group learning where students can do individualized study.
- How does the board oversee school maintaining of the mission.
- How is academic oversight done.
- How do we oversee the head of school?
- How is financial oversight done?
- Data for school climate?
  - Classroom environments need to be safe for all students. How are we ensuring the environment in the school is safe.
  - We review attendance and suspension data.
- How do we make decisions as a board?
  - Work done in committees then bring content to the board. Full discussion at the board, and then voting at the board level.
- Board communication with the public and community about what we're doing.
  - Invite community to our board meetings. Public comment. Emails available.
- Union negotiations. Labor management committee works with administration. Not negotiating current contract. We're in the middle of a 3 yr contract.
- Strategic Action Plan review
- How we plan for board succession planning.
- What about HOS succession planning.

## II. Closing Items

### A. Adjourn Meeting

Shino Pichette made a motion to Adjourn.

Vanessa Ford seconded the motion.

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

#### Roll Call

David Potter	Absent
Shino Pichette	Aye

**Roll Call**

Vanessa Ford	Aye
Sasha Viands	Absent
David Cavallin	Absent
Azizah Yasin	Aye
Fiona Yates	Aye
Neil Hede	Absent
Tim Cable	Absent
Mindi Winter	Aye
LATRINA DENSON	Aye

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 10:52 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Shino Pichette