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## MCCPS Board of Trustees

### Minutes

#### Monthly Board Meeting

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##### **Date and Time**

Tuesday May 25, 2021 at 7:00 PM

##### **Location**

Topic: Board Meeting

Time: 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3898394128?pwd=QndLYk9jVjcyNEJ5dXZGRWhnMDhSUT09>

Meeting ID: 389 839 4128

Passcode: MCCPS

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##### **Trustees Present**

Artie Sullivan (remote), Ian Hunt (remote), James Rogers (remote), Jessica Gelb (remote), Jessica Xiarhos (remote), Karl Smith (remote), NDack Toure (remote), Paul Baker (remote), Peter Cheney (remote), Peter Cohen (remote), Rebecca Whidden (remote), Richard Doron (remote), Rodolphe Herve (remote)

##### **Trustees Absent**

*None*

##### **Trustees who left before the meeting adjourned**

Jessica Gelb

##### **Guests Present**

Allura Cayes (remote), Alyssa Crimmins (remote), Andrea Barlow (remote), August Belf (remote), Bryan Burns (remote), Carol McEnaney (remote), Elizabeth Burns (remote), Ellen

Lodgen (remote), Julie Schuemann (remote), Molly Wright (remote), Robert Erbetta (remote), Sammy Burns (remote)

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## I. Opening Items

### A. Record Attendance and Guests

### B. Call the Meeting to Order

Artie Sullivan called a meeting of the board of trustees of MCCPS Board of Trustees to order on Tuesday May 25, 2021 at 7:02 PM.

### C. Accept Remote Participation

In light of the ongoing COVID-19 Coronavirus outbreak, Governor Baker issued an emergency Order on March 12, 2020, allowing public bodies greater flexibility in utilizing technology in the conduct of meetings under the Open Meeting Law. This committee makes a motion to accept this Executive Order for this meeting of the Board of Trustees on May 25, 2021.

Paul Baker made a motion to accept the gover.

James Rogers seconded the motion.

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

#### Roll Call

Artie Sullivan	Aye
Jessica Xiarhos	Aye
Ian Hunt	Aye
Karl Smith	Aye
Paul Baker	Aye
Peter Cheney	Absent
Richard Doron	Aye
Rodolphe Herve	Aye
James Rogers	Aye
NDack Toure	Aye
Peter Cohen	Aye
Rebecca Whidden	Aye
Jessica Gelb	Aye

### D. Approve Minutes

Rebecca Whidden made a motion to approve the minutes from Monthly Board Meeting on 04-27-21.

Paul Baker seconded the motion.

James - abstained from voting on remote participation.

Update to reflect this.

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

### **Roll Call**

Jessica Xiarhos	Aye
Rodolphe Herve	Aye
Karl Smith	Aye
Jessica Gelb	Aye
Richard Doron	Aye
Paul Baker	Aye
Rebecca Whidden	Aye
Ian Hunt	Aye
Artie Sullivan	Aye
James Rogers	Aye
Peter Cohen	Aye
Peter Cheney	Aye
NDack Toure	Aye

## **II. Public Comment**

### **A. Public Comment**

At this time there were no public comments.

## **III. Board Annual Items**

### **A. Upcoming Meeting Agenda Items**

HOS evaluation this month  
Retreat next month  
Adopting board goals  
Adopt HOS goals - annual board self assessment

### **B. Board Goals for SY 2020-2021**

## **IV. HOS Report**

### **A. Monthly Report**

Dr. Cohen presented his monthly update and noted he is looking forward to meeting in person.

Please see the Report for further details.

Jessica Gelb left at 7:54 PM.

## V. Other Business

### A. HOS Annual Evaluation Presentation

Artie Sullivan explained the process for the HOS evaluation and then presented the results of the surveys and evaluations.

He went through the various goals and feedback provided.

Peter believes it was fair and noted the unique situation where the evaluation is so public and the year has been less than normal.

Becca inquired as to areas where Peter thought the board could provide assistance.

Peter wants to work with the board at the retreat to review responsibilities of the committees and others.

Peter Cheney made a motion to Accept the annual Head of School evaluation for school year 2020-2021.

Rebecca Whidden seconded the motion.

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

#### Roll Call

Paul Baker	Aye
Peter Cheney	Aye
Richard Doron	Aye
Jessica Gelb	Absent
Artie Sullivan	Aye
Rodolphe Herve	Aye
Karl Smith	Aye
Rebecca Whidden	Aye

### B. Staffing Updates

Mostly covered within the HOS report.

Will discuss more at the board retreat.

### C. Board Retreat

Start morning with Governance - remote participation, OML requirements, time with facility task force.

Maybe a short walk through of the building. Discuss future needs and plans.

Either break for lunch and keep going to discuss development and fundraising.

After lunch, board goals, relationship with board and HOS along with committees.

Chairs and assignments for next school year. Discuss elections of officers.

Ending my term. Need someone to fill in for one year.

Starting at 9 AM - target end somewhere around 3

Lessons learned after lunch.-

Artie asked that Governance include some of the administrative requirements.  
Start at 9 AM - go for an hour.  
OML and Remote participation - with some items that are required as far as posting, minutes, etc.

Packet information needs to be ready by the 8th to Artie for any handouts.

## **VI. Committee Updates**

### **A. Governance Committee**

Karl noted the items discussed at the last meeting and fielded a few questions from the group.  
Artie mentioned that if no nominee is presented, the board will pick one at the retreat.

### **B. Finance Committee**

Rudi presented the latest results from a financial perspective.  
Grant activity was shown.  
Federal grant money has been secured, Looking forward to obtaining that money.

Legal expenses have increased. Additionally a tax bill was obtained that is not completely explained by the state - more research is underway.

### **C. Personnel Committee**

HOS evaluation was presented.

### **D. Academic Excellence**

Jessica X. updated the group as to the ongoing status of certain areas of focus.  
Artie inquired as to the availability of a final document.  
Can now be booked for one of the future meetings.

### **E. Development & Communications**

Paul Baker - discussed the latest meeting held. The meeting was cut short, but consisted mostly of a recap of Navigator Night.

### **F. Strategic Plan Committee**

### **G. Facilities Task Force**

Becca discussed with the committee where the Task Force is currently at with regards to initiatives, concepts and approach to present plans and options to the board.  
She is hoping for productive discussions during the retreat next month.  
There were several comments and questions fielded by Becca and Peter.

## VII. Public Comment

### A. Public Comment

The second opportunity for public comment was opened up and again, there were no comments.

## VIII. Closing Items

### A. Recap Action Items

### B. Meeting Evaluation

Good meeting.

Karl Smith made a motion to Adjourn the meeting.

NDack Toure seconded the motion.

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

#### Roll Call

Jessica Xiarhos	Aye
James Rogers	Aye
Artie Sullivan	Aye
Richard Doron	Aye
Karl Smith	Aye
NDack Toure	Aye
Peter Cohen	Aye
Peter Cheney	Aye
Rodolphe Herve	Aye
Paul Baker	Aye
Rebecca Whidden	Aye
Ian Hunt	Aye
Jessica Gelb	Absent

### C. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Karl Smith

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## Documents used during the meeting

- To the Charter Board of Trustees.docx
- Will Rockwell Resume 4.30.2021.docx
- HOS Report to Board of Trustees 5\_25\_21.pdf
- Head of School Evaluation Year End Form, 2021, Collated.pdf
- Apr 2021 Financial.pdf
- April\_FinCom\_notes.pdf