



# The Neighborhood Charter Network

## Minutes

### March Board Meeting 2022

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#### Date and Time

Tuesday March 8, 2022 at 3:00 PM

#### Location

Kindezi Academy

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The Neighborhood Charter Network is hosting a board meeting on the third Thursday of each month.

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#### Directors Present

C. Byczko, D. Casey (remote), K. Britt, M. Dezelan (remote), P. Castaneda, R. Hall (remote), R. Zavaleta (remote), T. Baker

#### Directors Absent

*None*

#### Guests Present

Aa'Kinna B., Aerionna Martin, Atari Calloway, C. Whitesell, Candice Washington, Cydney Price, D. Castellanos, Dr. Tony J. Dickerson, Ez'rhea Wilson, Israel Stone, Janiyla Tucker, Jhoarnee Scruggs, K. Dulay, K. Kubacki, Kellis Poole, Kim Simmons, Leah Kuruzar, Louis Hogan, Margaret Molloy Brown, Mark Mosias, Mr. Blackwell, Nicolette Whittington, Shanae Andrews

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### I. Opening Items

#### A. Record Attendance

## **B. Call the Meeting to Order**

P. Castaneda called a meeting of the board of directors of The Neighborhood Charter Network to order on Tuesday Mar 8, 2022 at 3:06 PM.

## **C. Approve Minutes**

D. Casey made a motion to approve the minutes from NCN Board Meeting on 02-15-22.

K. Britt seconded the motion.

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

### **Roll Call**

R. Zavaleta	Absent
C. Byczko	Aye
R. Hall	Absent
K. Britt	Aye
D. Casey	Aye
P. Castaneda	Aye
M. Dezelan	Absent
T. Baker	Aye

## **D. Public Comment**

In-person public comment was received from:

1. Kellis Poole, Founding Kindezi Academy Student made a public comment.
2. Margaret Molloy, Kindezi Academy Reading Interventionist
3. Ez'rhea Wilson, Kindezi Academy Student
4. Jhournnee Scruggs, Kindezi Academy Student
5. Juanita Price, Kindezi Academy 6th Grade Teacher
6. Janiyla Tucker, Kindezi Academy Student
7. Scout, Kindezi Academy Student

Patricia thanked the guests for signing up to publicly speak. This is a reflection of the Leader in Me program that was implemented at Kindezi Academy. She also thanked teachers, students, and their families for all their hard work in the last five years. She wanted to acknowledge their hard work. When Shanae and Kevin first talked about Kindezi they envisioned a place where kids would be loved and a safe place where kids would do better. Everything the board has heard from staff and students is that Kindezi was a safe and loving school.

## **II. Governance Committee**

### **A. Innovation Renewal**

Kevin Kubacki presented the timeline of the renewal agreement with IPS discussions. In November 2021 NCN met with IPS and OEI to discuss the renewal. Unfortunately, an

agreement was not reached and ultimately NCN decided not to pursue the 1-year renewal with IPS.

NCN committed significant resources to Kindezi such as professional development for teachers, curriculum, SEL support, computers, hot spots, personnel to support attendance, community outreach, and transportation. Kindezi is a safer place thanks to the hard-working staff that worked really hard to build strong connections. That is something NCN is very proud of.

Kindezi is measured by objectives such as state assessment scores. Kindezi's outcomes are attributed to the 44% mobility rate of students year over year. A large influx of students throughout the course of the school year. In addition, the facility was in need of significant renovations. NCN advocated for repairs for the course of the time the facility was open.

IPS has announced that they will be closing the Kindezi facility and have reserved choice seats for all the Kindezi students. Enrollment fairs have been scheduled to ensure every student can secure their choice of schools.

K. Britt made a motion to affirm the vote to not renew the Kindezi Academy Charter.

R. Hall seconded the motion.

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

#### **Roll Call**

C. Byczko	Aye
D. Casey	Aye
M. Dezelan	Absent
K. Britt	Aye
P. Castaneda	Aye
R. Hall	Aye
T. Baker	Aye
R. Zavaleta	Absent

### **III. Finance Committee**

#### **A. SY22-23 Salary Approval**

C. Byczko made a motion to Approve MOUS for Enlace Academy as outlined in the agenda.

T. Baker seconded the motion.

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

#### **Roll Call**

M. Dezelan	Absent
D. Casey	Aye
C. Byczko	Aye

**Roll Call**

R. Hall	Aye
T. Baker	Aye
K. Britt	Aye
R. Zavaleta	Absent
P. Castaneda	Aye

**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 3:38 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
P. Castaneda