

Next Generation Charter Schools

Minutes

Governance Committee meeting

Date and Time

Tuesday August 23, 2022 at 5:15 PM

Mission

We prepare our students for college through a rigorous arts-infused program.

Vision

All students will be taught by a highly effective teacher in a nurturing environment and will achieve at high levels. Each student will develop the knowledge, skills and values necessary for responsible citizenship and life-long learning. The impact of our collective efforts will fundamentally change public education.

Committee Members Present

C. Barnes-Watson (remote), E. Chen (remote), J. Boulet (remote), K. Brisseau (remote), S. Pressley (remote)

Committee Members Absent

A. Bothner, K. Shabazz

Guests Present

A. Khanyile (remote)

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

J. Boulet called a meeting of the Governance Committee of Next Generation Charter Schools to order on Tuesday Aug 23, 2022 at 5:15 PM.

C. Approve July Minutes

J. Boulet made a motion to approve the minutes from July Governance Committee meeting on 07-20-22.

E. Chen seconded the motion.

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

II. Policy Updates

A. Approvals this month

- Harmonization of the Grievance and the Stakeholder Interaction policies are good to go and will get an approval vote this month
- The Committee reviewed updates to the Annual Pledge
- The Committee closely reviewed and discussed the revised Attendance Policy. They were in agreement that it will work well by reflecting the Board's supportive and accountable working culture. The full Board will have time to review this month and will put it to a vote in September.

III. Board Development & Planning

A. Individual Goal-Setting

- New rotation schedule has been shared by email
- If a Trustee can't do their assigned month, it's up to them to switch months with another Trustee

B. Committee Annual Planning

- Committee Chairs shared how their planning processes have been going. Some planning discussions will occur in the next day or so.
- Jessica said that a major consideration for the Governance Committee will be identifying and building on the Committee's current strengths and past successes.
- Jessica will share her presentation materials for Thursday with the Committee, in case they're helpful as a reference.
- Jessica presented her process in thinking about the Governance Committee's role in moving the Board and the school's plans forward. She outlined:
 - The Governance Committee's role in supporting the school's and the Board's Flywheel components (Mission alignment, Getting the right people in place, Creating an enabling environment for mission-driven success, Setting the strategic direction for the school, Monitoring effectiveness and progress, and Tracking outcomes);
 - **Two proposed priority areas for this year:**
 - (1) Creating an environment in which Trustees are regularly connecting with the school community and mission;

- (2) Strengthening Board practice and skills around strategic planning and CEO evaluation.

IV. Closing Items

A. Look Ahead

The Committee reviewed upcoming items on the calendar, with a special note that Bylaw review is coming up in September.

B. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
J. Boulet