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# Next Generation Charter Schools

# Minutes

## Governance Committee meeting

**Date and Time**
Tuesday April 18, 2023 at 6:10 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**
A. Bothner (remote), E. Chen (remote), J. Boulet (remote), M. Russell (remote), S. Pressley (remote)

**Committee Members Absent**
C. Barnes-Watson, K. Brisseau, 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 Apr 18, 2023 at 6:23 PM.

### II. Board Development & Planning

**A.**

**Individual Goal-Setting**

Board members discussed self-guided learning related to reading curriculum in the United States.

### B. Board skills trainings?

GC members discussed whether it would be useful for Board members not on the finance committee to have the opportunity to join a basics refresher course on financial oversight or other Board duties. Topics could potentially include reading a balance sheet, annual bylaw/OML refresher, fundraising basics, or broader context on the charter world.

Aaron and Malik reminded the group that we got a bit of context on the charter world from Dan Pasek at the last Board retreat, and agreed that it could be an interesting thing to continue pursuing going forward. The GC also thought it could be useful to regularly spotlight the relevant bylaws as they become applicable throughout the year - for example, with respect to upcoming elections. Shanta and Aaron discussed possible finance topics and deep dives that could be done annually (e.g., an update on the financial strategy) vs. something that is more like a one-time "professional development" examination of foundational information.

In deciding what topics people are interested in, Malik emphasized that they should have a clear connection to a practical impact on how the Board fulfills its duties. Aaron mentioned that sending out a survey is not necessary because our self-assessment pinpointed some topics that people are still unsure about. Jessica suggested it could also be driven by Committee chairs, if they want to keep the Board apprised of their work and how the wider Board can contribute.

- Malik offered to talk to Fourth Sector to put together something for finance basics.
- Everyone agreed that it should be on an opt-in basis for those who would feel it would be useful, rather than during shared time.
- Jessica will move forward with the plan discussed for GC/bylaws.
- Fundraising knowledge needs will likely arise as we move forward.

## III. Closing Items

### A. Look Ahead

GC members coordinated with respect to upcoming items for GC and the Board.

### B. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

J. Boulet