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Next Generation Charter Schools

Minutes

Board Meeting

Date and Time
Thursday January 23, 2025 at 6:30 PM

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Mission
At Nuasin Next Generation, we believe in the unlimited talent and intellectual potential of our scholars and our community. We cultivate this talent and intellectual potential through a progressive education that focuses on deep exploration, thoughtful questioning, relentless curiosity and critical thinking. Nuasin Next Generation Charter School implements a progressive K-12 educational program and an unyielding commitment to cultivating our scholars' innate intellectual talents to empower our graduates to achieve excellence in their postsecondary paths and make positive impacts on the broader community. Every single one of our scholars have the potential to be great and change the world, at Nuasin Next Generation we prepare our scholars for that opportunity.

3 Pillars
The Mission of Nuasin Next Generation stands firmly on the foundation of our three pillars: Rigor, Self-Advocacy, and Community. These three pillars are the guiding principles for our school and culture. Please find a deeper explanation of our pillars below.

Rigor:
We use the word “rigor” not in the stringent or inflexible sense, but in the sense of an unyielding need to challenge and push our scholars because we understand and believe in the potential, talent, and ability of our scholars and community. We challenge our scholars to build their confidence and help them realize what they can achieve.

Self-Advocacy:
Our scholars are empowered to advocate for themselves, their families, and their communities. As our scholars come to understand that their voices are valued and needed, they learn to advocate for themselves. Our scholars are seen and valued; they understand that not only do they have the right to express their opinions, views, and perspectives, but it is their obligation to do so.

Community:
Our scholars will embrace community and understand that as a member of a community you have certain
inalienable rights, the right to be seen, the right to be heard, the right to be protected and the right to be loved and
cherished. Our scholars will also learn of their obligations. As a member of a community you have the obligation to
respect, listen, support and only want and assume the best in all others. Every member of our community must understand that they are active participants in the Nuasin community and the community goes as we go.

Trustees Present
A. Bothner (remote), A. Khanyile (remote), E. Chen (remote), J. Boulet (remote), J. Scott (remote), K. Shabazz (remote), M. Dorrie (remote), S. Huda

Trustees Absent
K. Brisseau, S. Pressley, T. Bryan

Guests Present
A. Brown (remote), C. Polanco (remote), J. Keeney (remote), M. Alston (remote), M. Russell (remote), R. Johnson (remote), S. Kochar (remote), steven almonte (remote)

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance and Guests

B. Call the Meeting to Order

A. Bothner called a meeting of the board of trustees of Next Generation Charter Schools to order on Thursday Jan 23, 2025 at 6:43 PM.

C. Review the Agenda

A. Bothner made a motion to approve the minutes from Board Meeting on 12-19-24.
K. Shabazz seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

D. Board Meeting Updates

II. Finance Committee

A. Quarterly Updates

Quarterly Updates

JK, reported the december financials. We are favorable as our enrollment numbers have increased and we are receiving more revenue in our SPED billing. Current enrollment is at 779

- 11.2 million in cash revenue
- 5.9 million in salaries
- Investment started with 5.5 million. Currently have 5.61 million. Nothing had been changed or taken out of our investment account.

JK, asked if there was any decision as to what to do with our investment?
MR, suggested looking to see what the interest rate is and reinvest in short term investment.

A. Bothner made a motion to approve December Financials.
K. Shabazz seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

T. Bryan	Absent
A. Bothner	Aye
S. Pressley	Absent
K. Shabazz	Aye
J. Boulet	Aye
S. Huda	Absent
M. Dorrie	Aye
E. Chen	Aye
J. Scott	Aye
A. Khanyile	Aye
K. Brisseau	Absent

III. School Updates

A.

Update from the Executive Director

MR, shared,

- 3 priorities
  - Independent Thinkers
  - We are all Readers
  - Family & Community Partnership
- Attendance
  - (K-8)Throughout our **15-day** December period, **22.8%** of the lower school staff were **tardy**.
  - In our **15-day** December period, **4.97%** of the lower school staff were **absent**.
  - (9-12)Throughout our **15-day** December period, **41.94%** of the High School staff were **tardy**.
  - (9-12) In our **15-day** December period, **8.61%** of the High School staff were **absent**.
  - Lower school summary: 22.8 % late 4.97% absence (93.22 average for December)
  - High school summary: 41.9% late 8.61% absence (93.31 average for December)

B. Update from the K-8 Principal

KD, shared the following

- Family Partnership: 1st Grade Publishing Cafe
- Independent Thinkers: 7th Grade Amendments
- Q2 Winner: Shakti House
- Staff Development: MLL Schema
- Culture Data
  - Nuasin is a Good school
    - 299 responses- 85.6 % agrees
  - I know 1 t0 3 trusted adults I can go to if I need anything
    - 299 responses- 88% agrees
  - I like coming to school everyday
    - 299 responses- 54.8% disagree

C. Update from the 9-12 Principal

AB shared,

- College Readiness Bound
    - **Board visi**t
- **Board Takeaways**
    - Feel the Pillars
    - Scholars engaged and interested
    - Honest feedback from scholars
- **Scholar Takeaway**
    - Impact and outcomes of meeting
    - More activities
- Independent Readers– Projects and Analysis
- Upcoming Events
    - 12th Grade College Trip to Mercy: All expenses paid by Mercy College
    - 11th Grade won our first house/cohort trip by achieving the highest overall GPA–3.1
    - Next Gen Store: Scholars receive points through their academic accomplishment in class
- College Applications
    - NYU
    - Stony Brook
    - Howard University
    - Case Western Reserve
    - University of Michigan
    - Penn
    - Villanova
    - Wesleyann

D. Update from K-12 Operations

MA Shared,

- **School Enrollment**
    - STATS 780 Authorizer
    - Operational Goal 814
- **Applications**
    - 322
- Hosting Events
    - Feeder school visits, monthly community events, open houses, school visit button
- Feeder Schools
    - K-4 and 5-8 school partners, closing schools, info sessions

- Attending Events
    - Toy drives, coat drives, food pantries, backpack drives, middle school fairs, high school fairs, shelter enrollment sessions, community board meetings
- Strategic Partnerships
    - BLACC, Charter Center, Charter Association
- Marketing
    - Print, digital, social media, billboards, radio ads, charter school directory
- Hiring Needs
    - Kindergarten
    - HS ELA SPED
    - HS MATH SPED
- Capital Expenses
    - $813,000.00 approved
    - $299,533.17 utilized
    - $513,466.83 remaining
- Compliance
    - Submitted this month
        - Level 0
        - Staff Snapshot
        - Scholar Attendance *September-December*
        - Staff Assignments
    - **Upcoming Reporting**
        - Level 0
        - Student Digital Resources
        - ACR Reporting
- RJ shared,
    - OML Auditing
        - We have not been in compliance with RSVPs with board members.
    - K-8 Board Visit on Tuesday, January 28th

IV. Nominating Committee Update

A. Board Recruitment

AB shared, team is working on scheduling meeting with potential candidates. Was a little behind on scheduling.

V. Governance Committee Update

A. Administration of Self Assessment on BOT

A. Bothner made a motion to Approve december minutes.
J. Scott seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

M. Dorrie	Aye
A. Bothner	Aye
A. Khanyile	Aye
T. Bryan	Absent
S. Huda	Aye
K. Brisseau	Absent
S. Pressley	Absent
E. Chen	Aye
J. Scott	Aye

B. Governance Goal Setting

JB, shared SP is absent and had nothing to report.

VI. Public Comments

A. Public Comments

AB shared there were no public comment for the evening meeting.

VII. Executive Session

A. Executive Session proposed for the purposes of the proposed acquisition, sale, or lease of real property or proposed acquisition of securities or sale or exchange of securities, held by such a public body, but only when publicity would substantially affect the value thereof.

A. Bothner made a motion to Invite Malik and Melissa to executive session.
J. Scott seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

T. Bryan	Absent
S. Pressley	Absent
K. Brisseau	Absent
J. Boulet	Aye
M. Dorrie	Aye
A. Bothner	Aye
A. Khanyile	Aye
J. Scott	Aye
E. Chen	Aye
S. Huda	Aye
K. Shabazz	Aye

B. Executive Session Proposed for the discussion of the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation;

VIII. 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 8:21 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
A. Bothner