



Rochester Academy Charter School

Minutes

Board Meeting

Date and Time

Friday March 18, 2022 at 5:30 PM

Location

[zoom](#)

Trustees Present

C. Sampson (remote), D. Calder (remote), J. Santos (remote), M. Guler (remote), W. Middleton (remote)

Trustees Absent

None

Guests Present

D. Ozcan (remote), J. Doyle (remote), M. Demirtas (remote), M. Stevens (remote), T. Manchester (remote)

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance and Guests

B. Call the Meeting to Order

W. Middleton called a meeting of the board of trustees of Rochester Academy Charter School to order on Friday Mar 18, 2022 at 5:32 PM.

C. Approve Minutes

M. Guler made a motion to approve the minutes from Board Meeting on 02-18-22.
C. Sampson seconded the motion.

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

II. Academic Excellence and Equity

A. Monthly Topic

T. Manchester presented the High School Cohort Regents Passing, Graduation, and Juniors' On Track data. The results are meeting and exceeding the NYSED CSO expectations.

J. Doyle shared the draft professional development plan for the 2022-23 school year. Board members requested to review the Antiracist Educator Project sources.

B. Committee Meeting Minutes

III. Community Outreach & Development

A. Report

J. Santos briefly informed the board members about the progress we made in meeting the strategic plan goals that pertain to Community Outreach Committee. Most of the key result areas are completed or ongoing.

B. Committee Meeting Minutes

IV. Finance, Facilities & Audit

A. Enrollment

M. Demirtas shared the enrollment numbers which are above the targeted number for budgetary purposes.

B. Financials

D. Ozcan presented the monthly financial summary. Our current revenues and expenditures are within our projected budget numbers.

C. Proposal to increase certified teachers and retain effective uncertified teachers

This item will be discussed in the next finance committee and board meetings.

D. Committee Meeting Minutes

V. Governance

A. Adding a Board Member

M. Guler made a motion to select Saliha Al as a member of its Board of Trustees, with a term expiring on July 31, 2025, pending approval by NYSED and having conducted a thorough criminal history record check via fingerprinting which is deemed acceptable by NYSED, and having discovered no State or federal criminal history, or having provided information regarding such history to NYSED, if found, and having verified that any academic and/or professional credential or qualification presented by the proposed member is genuine, and having reviewed the application in its entirety.

J. Santos seconded the motion.

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

B. Committee Meeting Minutes

VI. Other Business

A. Employee Contract Decisions

Board members went into executive session at 6:49 pm. The board came out of executive session at 6:53 pm

M. Guler made a motion to approve staffing changes.

D. Calder seconded the motion.

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

D. Calder asked about using our Elementary School Gym for a group doing a Zoomba fundraiser and in return, they would consider doing a fundraiser for RACS. The business office will look into the details of allowing external groups to use our facilities.

VII. Closing Items

A. Board Meeting Evaluation

Pluses

- Thorough and quick
- Full participation of all board members

No Deltas

B. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
M. Stevens