

**Board Meeting Minutes  
 NYOS Charter School, Inc.  
 October 7, 2021**

**Call to Order**

1. Upon determining the presence of a quorum, Dr. David Molina called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Office</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Arrived Late</b>	<b>Departed Early</b>
David Molina, Ph.D.	Community Member & Chair	X			
Kari Honea, Esq.	Secondary Parent Member & Vice Chair		X		
Jennifer L. Chidsey	Community Member & Parliamentarian	X			
Kim Cavett	Elementary Teacher Member & Secretary	X			
Alyssa Moore	Community Member	X			
Joann Jordan	Community Member	X			
Jonathon Kniss	Community Member		X		
Nina Loehr	Elementary Parent Member	X			
Sarah R. Gonzalez	Elementary Parent Member	X			
Matthew Wester	Elementary Teacher Member	X			
Vibha Montiero	Secondary Parent Member	X			
Penola "Pen" Edwards	Secondary Teacher Member	X			
Peter Erickson	Secondary Teacher Member	X			
Elif Painaik '23	Student Member		X		
Kathleen Zimmermann	Executive Director	X			
Joe Watkins	Director of Operations	X			
Julie Atchley	Director of Academics	X			
Hweilu Chen	Director of Finance	X			
Will Jamarillo	Secondary Principal	X			
Terry Berkenhoff	Elementary Principal	X			

## General Session

2. Approval of Agenda: The Board discussed the agenda for the meeting. [Strike 5c]

Vibha made the motion to accept the agenda.

Matt seconded.

The motion passed unanimously.

3. Consent Agenda: The Board discussed and approved the consent agenda items:
  - a. Minutes for the September 9, 2021 and September 21, 2021 meeting
  - b. General school operations policy review 300.100-300.120
  - c. Committee Updates
  - d. Resolution to approve contracts

Jenn made the motion to accept the consent agenda as presented.

Alyssa seconded.

The motion passed unanimously.

4. Public Comment:

James Omiya (Parent/Guardian) shared that he believes we do not need a mask mandate and ask that we no longer require students to wear them.

5. New Business:

- a. Resolution Update: The Board discussed and voted on extending the resolution for a mask requirement until the November meeting.

Vibha made the motion to keep the resolution as written until the next board meeting.

Matt seconded.

The motion passed unanimously.

- b. GPA Chart Update: The Board discussed and voted on an update to the GPA Calculation Chart.

Alyssa made the motion to accept the updated calculations chart.

Sarah seconded.

The motion passed unanimously.

- ~~c. Calendar Update: The Board discussed and voted on change to 2021–2022 school year calendar.~~

- d. Development Update: The Board discussed the development update through the end of September. Kathleen shared our school's fundraising goal and our received donations. There will be a campus-wide celebration on October 30th and an upcoming Giving Tuesday.

- e. Virtual Learning Update: The Board discussed SB15 on limited virtual learning. Kathleen shared that this bill will allow us to exempt up to ten percent of students to receive virtual learning off campus. Students eligible for this will be counted during our daily attendance count. She also shared data on how our virtual learners last year outperformed on the STAAR to our on-campus students. She also shared the financial and operational implications of implementing this at our school.
- f. ED Update: Kathleen shared some building and site updates including that the play ground and field are complete. The NYOS sign for out front is expected to be installed in mid-October. TXDot has approved our request for a school zone and will give ideas for stopping left turns into the parking lot from Lamar. The Elementary has implemented a new dismissal system called Driveline. She also shared that she has visited the Capitol and met with representatives.

6. Committee Business

- a. Hweilu presented on behalf of the Financial Oversight Committee.
  - i. The Board discussed and voted on budget amendment for the school year 21-22.  
  
Alyssa made the motion to accept the budget amendment as presented.  
Jenn seconded.  
The motion passed unanimously.
- b. David presented on behalf of the Academic Oversight Committee.
  - i. David presented the dashboard highlights of Grade 4 2021 STAAR data for reading, math and writing.
- c. Matthew May presented two possible options for providing additional medical leave for staff affected by COVID-19.
  - i. The Board discussed and voted on providing additional medical leave for staff.  
  
Jenn made the motion to approve the resolution as written.  
Sarah seconded.  
The motion passed unanimously.

Executive Session<sup>1</sup> In accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act § 551.082 Tex. Govt. Code, the Board entered Executive Session at 7:23 p.m. regarding grade calculation of a student.

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<sup>1</sup> In accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act Subchapters D and E of Ch. 551, Tex. Govt. Code, the board may enter a closed meeting to deliberate any subject listed on the agenda and authorized by Subchapter D. Any final action, decision, or vote on a subject deliberated in a closed meeting will be taken in an open meeting held in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act.

The Board returned from Executive Session at 8:41 p.m.

7. The Board discussed items for the agenda for the November 11, 2021 meeting including reviewing the audit, governance report and board member elections for community members.

### **Adjournment**

Vibha made the motion to adjourn the meeting.

Alyssa seconded.

The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

### **Certification:**

These minutes represent a true and accurate account of the regular Board Meeting of NYOS Charter School held on October 7, 2021.

*Kim Cavett*

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Secretary