

**Board Meeting Minutes
NYOS Charter School, Inc.
March 10, 2022**

Call to Order

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

Name	Office	Present	Absent	Arrived Late	Departed Early
David Molina, Ph.D.	Community Member & Chair	X			
Kari Honea, Esq.	Secondary Parent Member & Vice Chair	X			
Kim Cavett	Elementary Teacher Member & Secretary	X			
Joann Jordan	Community Member	X			
Nina Loehr	Elementary Parent Member	X			
Sarah R. Gonzalez	Elementary Parent Member	X			
Matthew Wester	Elementary Teacher Member	X			
Ricardo Levario	Secondary Teacher Member	X			
Kimberly Smith	Secondary Teacher Member	X			
Vibha Montiero	Secondary Parent Member		X		
Elif Painaik '23	Student Member	X			X
Kathleen Zimmermann	Executive Director	X			
Julie Atchley	Director of Academics	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, d and 6bi]

Kari made the motion to accept the agenda as amended.
Matt seconded.
The motion passed unanimously.
3. Consent Agenda: The Board discussed and approved the consent agenda items:
 - a. Minutes for the February 10, 2022 meeting
 - b. Student policy review 400.100 - 400.110
 - c. Committee Reports
 - d. Resolution to approve contracts

Kari made the motion to accept the consent agenda.
Sarah seconded.
The motion passed unanimously.

4. Public Comment:

Mandy Kramer (Parent/Guardian) shared that families would be grateful to have the option to attend meetings remotely. She also shared that she is in favor in lifting the mask mandate as long as there is a plan to bring it back if needed. She would also like to know the school's response on Governor Abbott's current stance on transgender students and their families.

Tyler Rollings (Parent/Guardian) shared that he is in favor of lifting our mask mandate and allowing staff and students the choice.

Dan Nichols (Parent/Guardian) shared that he is in favor of lifting the mask mandate and that students should have the choice to wear masks.

5. New Business:

- a. Resolution Update: The Board discussed and voted on extending or suspending the resolution for a mask requirement until the next board meeting on April 7, 2022.

Kari made the motion to table the vote until the revised amendment is drafted in writing.

Matt seconded

The motion passed unanimously.

David made the motion to adopt the resolution as amended suspending the mask requirement.

Nina seconded.

The motion passed unanimously.

- b. Spending to CDI: The Board discussed and voted on spending to CDI for purchasing additional Promethean boards and chrome books.

Sarah made the motion to approve the spending to CDI as amended.

Joann seconded.

The motion passed unanimously.

- ~~c. Spending to Accelerate Learning Inc: The Board discussed and voted on spending to Accelerate Learning Inc.~~

- ~~d. Spending to Altex Electronics, Ltd: The Board discussed and voted on spending to Altex Electronics, Ltd.~~

- e. Liability Limits Insurance: The Board discussed and reviewed the liability limits insurance. This insurance does cover the Board as a group.
 - f. Class Size Reduction: The Board discussed the possibility of reducing class size. Kathleen shared the numbers of expenses and revenue for both staying at a class size of 18 and reducing class size to 16.
 - g. ED Update: Kathleen shared that mid-year assessments have been going on including TELPAS and colleg prep testing (PSAT and SAT). The safety and security council met last Friday. NYOS is working with development and financial consultants. We have been recruiting for open positions for next school year including teaching positions. We will be seeing savings from the construction project to use on other projects including improving gym acoustics, another play structure for middle school and outdoor seating.
6. Committee Business
- a. Kari presented on behalf of the Academic Oversight Committee.
 - i. Kari presented on the dashboard highlights of grade 8 in reading and math. Some questions consider are “How do we compare to the state? What is our trend?”
 - b. Nina presented on behalf of the Financial Oversight Committee.
 - i. ~~The FOC reviewed Form 990.~~
 - ii. Nina presented the FOC dashboards on enrollment, attendance and cash on hand February 2022. Kathleen shared that our current attendance rate is around 96 - 97%.
 - c. David presented on behalf of the Compensation Committee.
 - i. The Board discussed the teacher incentive allotment.

Kari made the motion to table 6ci until next month.
David seconded.
The motion passed unanimously.
 - ii. Progress Update: NYOS has tried to stay within 95% average of neighboring districts’ compensation.
 - d. Sarah presented on behalf of the ED Review Committee.
 - i. Sarah shared an update on the ED Review. The Board will review the document before the next board meeting.
 - e. Committee Announcements: Matt shared there will be a board information panel before the next board meeting (April 7th) for potential candidates.

7. Closing

- a. The Board discussed items for the agenda for the April 7, 2022 meeting including financial policy, instructional materials allotment, code of conduct, mask requirement review, ED Review and NYOS message of support for transgender students.

- b. Adjournment

David made the motion to adjourn the meeting.

Matt seconded.

The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Certification:

These minutes represent a true and accurate account of the regular Board Meeting of NYOS Charter School held on March 10, 2022.

Kim Cavett

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Secretary