

Kingsman Academy Public Charter School

Board of Trustees Meeting – October 3, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 6:04pm by Chair Steve Messner.

Board Members present:

Steve Messner, Chair
Indra Chalk, Vice Chair
Pete Olle, Treasurer
Michelle Tellock, Secretary
Maria Blaeuer
Julia Bloom-Weltman
Martine Solages

Board Members not present:

Toloria Grant
Tameka Harris

Staff present:

Shannon Hodge, Executive Director

Others present:

Heidi Sahmel, Finance Specialist, EdOps
Kate Dydak, Project Director, Brailsford & Dunlavey (by phone)
Shilpa Khatri & Kate Dydak, Brailsford & Dunlavey (by phone)

Approval of Minutes

- *Motion:* Upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried, resolved that the minutes from the September 5, 2019 meeting are approved.

New Business

Board Member Election and Ratification

- *Motion:* Upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried, resolved (by Pete Olle, Julia Bloom-Welman, and Michelle Tellock) to approve the extension of the terms of certain Board members whose terms expired June 30, 2019 (Steve Messner, Indra Chalk, Maria Blauer, Toloria Grant, Tameka Harris, Martine Solages).
- *Motion:* Upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried, resolved that the votes taken at the meetings on the following dates are ratified: July 25, 2019; August 1, 2019; September 5, 2019; and October 3, 2019, and resolved further that all transactions by the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, or Executive Director or any officer, agent, or employee of the Corporation on its behalf and in its name in furtherance of the board votes are, in all respects, hereby ratified, confirmed, and adopted.

Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Hodge provided and the Board discussed a report on various issues, including:

- STAR assessment used to assess student beginning-of-year grade level equivalences;
- Back-to-School Night for parents and families;
- Student participation in efforts calling for action to prevent gun violence;
- Executive Director Hodge testimony at DC Council hearing on proposed transparency legislation;
- Participation in AAF Working Group meetings with PCSB staff;
- Schedule and process for 5-year review of charter by PCSB;
- Updates on pending legal action filed by Options PCS employee;
- Building project updates, including building appraisal and OSSE financing; and
- SY2019-2020 enrollment to date, and related effects on budgeting and staffing.

Building Renovation Update

The Board, Executive Director Hodge, and representatives of Brailsford & Dunlavey discussed scheduling options in connection with the planned building renovation. The Board agreed to reconvene in mid-October to further discuss options.

Charter School Landscape

The Board and Executive Director Hodge discussed legislative proposals that would affect charter schools in the District of Columbia, including proposals related to transparency and school accountability, that relate to school governance and management.

Meeting adjourned at 8:13pm.