

Rocketship Public Schools-District of Columbia
Board of Trustees
MEETING MINUTES
December 3, 2019

I. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM. In attendance in-person were Chair Joey Sloter and Trustees Matthew Aaron, Keshia Battle, Simone Brown, Rena Johnson, Tom Nida, MenSa Maa, Melissa Martin, Josh Rales, Zakiya Reid, and Barry Rosenthal. Treasurer Justin Bakewell and Trustee Jacque Patterson attended via teleconference. Also present were Joyanna Smith, Josh Pacos, Preston Smith, Cheye Calvo, Angel McNeill, Tamika Joyner, Analeigh Smith, Larissa Yarmolovich, and Ileana Rosenthal. Keysha Bailey, Maya Sethi, and Jerry Levine joined via teleconference.

II. Consent Items

On a motion by Tom Nida, seconded by Matthew Aaron, the Board voted unanimously to approve consent agenda which included: the minutes from the September 17, 2019 meeting; appointment of new parent Board member Keshia Battle; appointments of a new Board secretary Melissa Martin; and the Suspension and Expulsion Policy.

III. East Coast Development Director

Chair Sloter introduced Analeigh Smith, the Rocketship's East Coast Development Director.

IV. Legal and Political Framework Discussion for Charter Amendment Conditions Proposed by the DC Public Charter School Board (Attorney-Client Privilege)

Maya Sethi and Jerry Levine provided guidance and recommendations to Board regarding Charter Amendment Conditions. Rocketship will present at the DC Public Charter Board Meeting on December 16, 2019.

V. Presentation on Internal Review of October 11 Incident RISE Academy

Board reviewed Internal Review Report: October 11, 2019 Incident at Rocketship Rise. Larissa Yarmolovich provided recent updates to internal report. The Board asked clarifying questions about elements of the report and the process used to collect the information.

VI. Executive Session

The Board began its Executive Session at 2:55 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 PM.

Draft minutes prepared by Board Secretary Melissa Martin on February 17, 2020.