



**Renaissance Charter High School for Innovation
Minutes for Meeting of the Board of Trustees
August 26, 2013
410 East 100th Street, New York, NY 10029**

Agenda:

1. Roll Call

Frank Saia called the meeting to order. Leanne Sajor, George Sarkissian, Ivan Fraser and Nicholas Tishuk were present. Also present were Stephen Falla Riff, Innovation's Director of Operations and Legal Counsel, Rita Tishuk, Director of Development and Communications and Tanya Fraley, Innovation Parent, PTO Executive Board Member and community member.

2. Filing of Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the law, a notice of the meeting was published on the school's website, sent via fax to the New York Times newspaper and also posted publicly at M99 School Building where Innovation HS is located at 410 East 100th Street New York, NY 10029.

3. Review of July 29th Board Minutes

Tabled for the next board meeting.

4. Introduction of Potential New Trustee

Ms. Sajor introduced Tanya Fraley to the Board who is interested in serving as a Trustee. Ms. Sajor explained that Ms. Fraley is an East Harlem resident, a parent of a student at Innovation and is involved in the executive board of the Parent Teacher Organization. The Board agreed to get in touch with Ms. Fraley individually for a conversation about her potential membership on the Board of Trustees. Her candidacy will be discussed further at the next meeting.

5. Accountability Update on Regents Scores

Mr. Tishuk presented the academic records for the first cohort of Innovation students. He explained that the DOE will review how many of the students in the first cohort graduate within 4 years as stated on the charter goals. There were 138 in the first cohort, 110 are still enrolled in the school and are making great progress towards graduation. Mr. Tishuk also reported that Regents charter goals are also on track with 70% pass rates for English, 70.91% for Global, 45.45% for US History, 77.27% for

Living Environment and 70% for Algebra. Mr. Rao asked if the school had unlimited resources, would it make a difference in the school's performance? Mr. Tishuk responded that if he could have any resource he would want a pipeline of really good teachers who are not afraid to go to tough schools. Mr. Tishuk concluded his presentation on Regents Scores and offered training any Trustee who would like to learn more about analyzing regents data/school data.

6. Executive Session: Personnel Matter

Mr. Fraser motioned to go into executive session, Mr. Tishuk seconded. Mr. Fraser motioned to get out of the executive session. Mr. Sarkissian seconded.

7. Discussion of Board Retreat

Mr. Saia presented the proposal for the 2013 Board Retreat from AGI: The Acceleration Group Incorporated. Mr. Tishuk expressed that it is too expensive for the kind of service that they will provide. Ms. Sajor said that AGI's rate is comparable to other consulting groups who provide the same services. Mr. Saia mentioned that their work on the Board retreat last year was successful and recommended their services for this year. The Board reviewed the proposal and George Sarkissian made a motion to approve the survey, Mr. Fraser seconded and the board unanimously approved AGI's proposal for the 2013 Board Retreat.

8. Other Business

There was no other business.

9. Adjournment

Mr. Sarkissian motioned to adjourn, Mr. Fraser seconded the motion carried unanimously, and the meeting was concluded.