



**Renaissance Charter High School for Innovation
Agenda for Meeting of the Board of Trustees
June 20, 2013
410 East 100th Street, New York, NY 10029**

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- 1. Roll Call**
- 2. Filing of Notice of Meeting**
- 3. Review of May 20th Board Minutes**
- 4. Executive Session: Update on Commercial Leasing**
- 5. Executive Session: Presentation with Charter School Business Management by Lola Barbarash**
- 6. Presentation of all expenses above \$10,000 in 2012-13 (with spreadsheet retrospectives for 2010-11, 2011-12)**
- 7. Update on Space in M099.**
- 8. Calendar for Next Academic Year**
- 9. Possible Board Retreat and Planning for Next Year's Board Activities**



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1. Roll Call

Frank Saia called the meeting to order. Kiran Rao, Leanne Sajor, George Sarkissian and Nicholas Tishuk were present. Also present were Rita Tishuk, Director of Development and Communications, Stephen Falla Riff Legal Counsel and Director of Operations, and Ivan Fraser, elected to serve as a Parent Member of the Board of Trustees (the “Board”) by the Parent Teacher Organization (the “PTO”), but not yet confirmed by the New York City charter school office.

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 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 April 29th Board Minutes

The board reviewed the minutes. Mr. Tishuk motioned to approve with minor textual revisions and Mr. Sarkissian seconded. Mr. Tishuk then asked the Board members to introduce themselves to Ivan Fraser, who was attending the Board meeting for the first time since being elected to serve on the Board by the PTO

4. Charter Revision Updates

Mr. Tishuk explained that he submitted the proposed material revision of Innovation’s Charter to the Department of Education (the “DOE”) charter school office, the submission of which had been authorized previously by resolution of the Board. The DOE told Innovation that the proposed changes do not necessarily need to be treated as material changes if Innovation is interested in providing the program without authorizing a CTE diploma. Mr. Tishuk will follow up with the DOE regarding the approach of getting this change processed as a non-material revision to the Charter.

Mr. Sarkissian gave a report concerning a meeting that he and Mr. Tishuk had with Charles Bendit, a member of the New York State Board of Regents designated to represent Manhattan. In this meeting Mr. Tishuk and Mr. Sarkissian provided Mr. Bendit with information about multiple pathways and the CTE

program. Mr. Bendit recommended that Innovation to consider other pathways for students who are not interested in Career and Technology Education. He also asked for more detailed information about the proposed curriculum. Mr. Tishuk explained in his meeting with Mr. Bendit and to the Board that he wants to keep the curriculum flexible to keep up with a dynamic industry.

5. Executive Session: Commercial Leasing Updates

Mr. Saia motioned to go into executive session and Mr. Sarkissian seconded.

Minutes taken at an executive session are private, pursuant to the Open Meetings Law.

The executive session was concluded and the board returned to the regular session.

6. Conflict of Interest Disclosure Forms

Ms. Sajor distributed the Conflict of Interest Disclosure Forms and asked the Trustees to sign and return the forms.

7. Announcement of SPED Conference on June 1

Mr. Tishuk announced that Innovation has been selected to host this year's third annual Special Education Conference for NYC charter schools. Innovation is a member of the NYC Special Education Collaborative and has taken part in many of their trainings and meetings this year. The conference will be held at Innovation, on Saturday June 1st. This is a significant honor for Innovation.

8. Introduction of new parent trustee (and on-boarding process)

Mr. Tishuk reintroduced Mr. Fraser and opened the discussion on his nomination. Mr. Saia asked Mr. Fraser why he was interested in serving on the Board of Trustees. Mr. Fraser responded by explaining that he is active on the PTO and he has a lot of ideas to help better serve the students. He explained that he is an electrician by trade and he supports the school's new focus on multiple pathways. Mr. Falla Riff presented the draft of the resolution. Mr. Sarkissian motioned to approve, Ms. Sajor seconded and with the unanimous vote of the Board, Mr. Fraser was approved to join the Board of Trustees as a Parent member. Prior to becoming a voting member of the Board, Mr. Fraser's application must be reviewed by the charter school office.

9. Principal Meeting with Borough President's Office

Mr. Tishuk announced that he plans to meet with the Borough President's office to build a relationship and to obtain support for Innovation's programs.

10. Executive Session: Personnel Issue

Mr. Tishuk moved to the tenth item on the agenda, another executive session, to discuss a personnel matter.

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Mr. Saia ended the executive session; Mr. Tishuk seconded the motion to return to the regular meeting.

11. Other Business

There was no other business to be discussed.

12. Public Speaking

There were no public comments.

13. Adjournment

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