



Renaissance Charter High School for Innovation
Minutes of a Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Meeting held: March 31, 2014, 6 p.m.
410 East 100th Street, 2d Floor, New York, NY 10029

Agenda:

1. Roll Call

Chairperson Frank Saia called the meeting to order. Trustees Frank Saia, Sona Karia and Stacey Gauthier were present, constituting a quorum of the Board of Trustees. Also present were Stephen Falla Riff, General Counsel and Executive Director of the Renaissance Charter High School for Innovation (Innovation) and Terence Joseph, Innovation Principal.

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. Appointment of an Interim Acting Secretary for this Meeting

By motion made, seconded and unanimously approved, Sona Karia was appointed as Interim Acting Secretary for this meeting and for future meetings until a new Board Secretary can be elected.

4. Charter Revision Update

Mr. Falla Riff provided an update on the Charter Revision process. Tonight's public hearing was intended to provide the DOE with information that it needs to evaluate Innovation's Charter Revision application. It is anticipated that the DOE will approve the application and then send it to the State Education Department for review and a hoped-for final approval

5. Charter Renewal Status Report

Mr. Falla Riff provided an update on the Charter Renewal Process. All charter renewal documents were submitted to the DOE today and have been made available to the Board. The renewal charter is very similar to the original charter. Notable changes include the change in organizational structure to provide for an Executive Director and an Assistant Principal, the change in governance structure so that Innovation staff are no longer permitted to serve on the Board, and the change in the College Bound Program to the AVID College Bound and Career Readiness Program.

6. M099 Co-location Update

Mr. Falla Riff reported on the DOE's proposal to amend the M099 Building Utilization Plan ("BU") to stop Innovation's growth next year. Specifically, the new plan would take a half room away from Innovation. The old plan provided for expansion by seven rooms. Innovation has vigorously protested the proposed change in emails and telephone calls to the DOE. Innovation has raised due process objections and also pointed out that the school is already seriously overcrowded and unable provide additional needed programs and services for the wide-ranging needs of students with IEPs and with serious academic deficiencies. Innovation will launch a vigorous defense of its position at the Joint Public Hearing scheduled by the DOE for April 11.

7. Adjournment

A motion was made, seconded and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting.

8. ar. Mr. Saia moved to approve the Financial Statement; the motion was seconded by Ms. Gauthier and unanimously approved.

9. Adjournment

Mr. Sarkissian made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded and approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.