



**Renaissance Charter High School for Innovation
Meeting of the Board of Trustees
June 14th, 2016 at 6:15pm
410 East 100th Street, New York, NY 10029**

Meeting Minutes

1. Roll Call

Chairperson George Sarkissian called the meeting to order. Board members Sona Karia, Ivan Fraser, and Ravneesh Sachdev were present, constituting a quorum for the purpose of conducting business. Also present were Stephen Falla Riff (Executive Director), Terence Joseph (Principal), and Mike Jolley (Consultant to the Board).

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 email to the New York Times and posted publicly at the M99 School Building where Innovation High School is located at 410 East 100th Street New York, NY 10029.

3. Review and Approval of Prior Board Meeting Minutes

Mr. Fraser made a motion to approve the unredacted minutes from the previous Board meeting. Ms. Karia seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Mr. Fraser made a motion to approve the redacted minutes from the previous Board meeting contingent on the removal of a staff member's name from the section on a personnel matter. Ms. Karia seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

4. Confirmation of 2016-17 Board Meeting Dates

The Board reviewed potential meeting dates for the 2016-17 year. After changing the February 14th, 2017 meeting to February 13th, the Board otherwise confirmed the calendar of meetings.

5. Review of Draft 2016-17 Board Tasks Calendar

The Board reviewed the draft calendar of Board and Committee tasks for 2016-17. Mr. Sarkissian asked that the final approval of executive contracts and compensation be added for the April 2017 meeting. Otherwise the Board agreed on the calendar of tasks and deadlines.

6. Update on Annual Board Retreat

Mr. Falla Riff informed the Board that due to an emergency there had been a delay in the Acceleration Group's planning of the retreat agenda. The Board discussed possible topics including self-assessment, possible expansion of the Board, and fundraising. The Board agreed that Mr. Falla Riff would check in with the Acceleration Group to discuss possibly rescheduling the retreat to allow additional time for development of the agenda if necessary.

7. 2016 Graduation Snapshot

Mr. Joseph distributed and reviewed a report for the Board on projected 2016 graduation including breakdown by cohort and credit and Regents exam needs. Mr. Falla Riff and Mr. Joseph informed the Board that they would be looking at more disaggregated data going forward and would compare to city-wide school performance data in spite of recent changes to DOE school quality reporting and publicly available data.

Mr. Joseph also stated that the instructional team would be reviewing current academic interventions for their effectiveness and had recently visited another charter school to understand their success working with overaged and under credited youth. The Board discussed possible partnerships and links to workforce development services for students at risk of aging out or who are overaged and under credited. Mr. Joseph also discussed inconsistent attendance and literacy/writing as obstacles for Innovation students struggling to graduate on time as well as Innovation's adoption of the Hochman writing program. In a subsequent meeting Mr. Joseph will update the Board on pending changes to state graduation requirements and their implications for Innovation students.

8. Other New Business

No other new business was discussed.

9. Adjournment

Ms. Karia motioned to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Fraser seconded. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting was concluded.