



**Innovation Charter High School (Innovation)
Meeting of the Board of Trustees
September 20th, 2022, 6:00 pm**

MEETING AGENDA

1. Roll call/sign in

Trustees Sona Karia (The Chair), Latoya Massey (The Treasurer) Ramon Perdomo (The Secretary), Tavannie Perez and Jared McShall were present, constituting a quorum. The meeting was conducted via Zoom video-conference, pursuant to the Governor’s emergency regulations, at a virtual location open to the public, and designated on the Notice of Meeting.

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 on the Innovation High School Website.

3. Consent Agenda (5 minutes, Chair)

a. Board minutes

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to adopt the meeting minutes from the Board Meeting dated 8-16-22

4. Accountability Dashboard (10 minutes, ED, Dean of Students)

a. Attendance/LTAs

Ms. Emily Bierwerth presents a new attendance visualization tool that will track attendance data for comparison year to year. Ms. Bierwerth and Ms. Latoya Massey conducted walkthroughs with current LTA’s and confirmed that 100% of them will not be returning to Innovation.

b. Enrollment Update

Enrollment is currently at 427 students. Of the 427 students, 27 of these students are LTAs. Innovation is vigorously pursuing bringing these students back. Additionally there are a substantial number of 9th grade transfer applications for 9th grade. The goal is to maintain an enrollment number of at least 415 throughout the year.

c. Shape of the Accountability Dashboard (“North Star” Data)

Ms. Bierwerth presents the “North Star” data accountability dashboard. The dashboard contains data regarding matriculation, graduation, post secondary activity, attendance etc. This dashboard is the beginning of a running record to compare data categorically across school years.

5. Health & Safety Update (5 minutes, ED)

Mr. Falla Riff reported that in the 3rd week of the school year there have been only 4 reported cases and 0 case clusters. Although masking is not mandatory, school staff are still promoting the best practices such as use of PPE, getting vaccinated although it appears that 10% of the community is masking.

6. Start of school year (10 minutes, Principal, ED)

Mr. Terence Joseph (The Principal) showed a power point presentation that outlined priorities for the school year. The presentation focused on essential traits Innovation students should transition with. Among the criteria are: developing executive function skills and self regulatory skills, 95% attendance to every class, passing regents exams with a 75% or higher score, taking 4 years of English, History, Math and Science classes, earning between 11-15 credits per year, and a post high school education. Mr. Joseph reported that the YONDR pouches were met with mixed reviews due to the cultural shift in what technology is permissible however there has been good feedback from families. It is expected that students will adjust to the new system in time.

7. Committee Reports (10 minutes, Committee Chairs)

Finance Committee:

Ms. Massey (The Treasurer) reported that on October 6th a meeting will be scheduled to review where we are regarding some tweaks to the budget. Annual report is due on November 1st. We are scheduled to meet with the auditor in the next board meeting.

Academic Excellence Committee Meeting:

Ms. Massey (The AEC Chair) reported that applications have been released and 3 people have responded. The process remains open.

Personnel Review Committee:

A meeting will be scheduled for next week.

8. Public speaking (5 minutes)

Ms. Tavannie Perez asked if the Innovation offer CPR training for people covering lunch supervision as well as in settings like culinary classes. Mr. Falla Riff responded that there are CPR certified staff at the school and briefly discussed the code blue protocol.

9. Board Annual Elections (Executive Session) (10 minutes)

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10. Finance & Personnel Matters (Executive Session) (15 minutes, Chair & Trustees)

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11. Adjournment

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