



**Innovation Charter High School (Innovation)
Meeting of the Board of Trustees
February 7, 2023 6:00 pm**

BOARD 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

The board approved a motion to defer approval of meeting minutes until the 3/21/2023 Board Meeting.

4. North Star Data Team (15 minutes, Prog. Mgr. Student Affairs & Data Accountability, Principal, ED, Manager, Operations & HR)

a. Enrollment Update

Ms. Emily Bierwerth reported on that we ended semester 1 at 404 students with a actual number of 401 by 2/8/2023. There have been students that begin the application process for a GED program that don't follow through which effects our numbers. Other factors effecting students moving out of our organization included their families moving, as well as some students seeking services Innovation High School does not have the capacity to provide. We have enrolled 5 new students for the start of semester 2. We are currently using the enrollment tool SchoolMint to field applications. Mr. Falla Riff stated that the goal is to return to the enrollment number of 405. Ms. Tavannie Perez asks what specific reasons led to the 13 students in question leaving. Ms. Bierwerth responded that there were a variety of reasons including, safety, travel time, to simply preferring their previous environment.

b. Credit Accumulation

After marking period 2, there were 201 students considered on track for graduation. As of the end of semester 1, we now have 280 students considered on track to graduate, highlighting efforts by the schools family engagement team. 78% of third year students are on track to graduate this year representing a 17% increase compared to last years 3rd year cohort (61%)

c. Board Calendar

5. Presentation by the Innovation Staff NCSS Team: History is a Story! Challenging the Dominant Historical Narrative (25 minutes, Yusef Abdul-Sabur, Kristen Ahangari, Luke Ryan, Patrick Donovan)

The Social Studies team presented work they presented on at the National Council for Social Studies Annual Conference in Philadelphia this past December about the history of erased perspectives and introduced varied pedagogical strategies they have been using in their curriculum.

6. Committee Reports (10 minutes, Committee Chairs)

Academic Excellence Committee:

Ramon Perdomo reported that the Academic Excellence Committee met on 2/6/2023. The team discussed how to create meaningful Professional Learning spaces for teachers that allow for more meaningful collaboration and perhaps a opportunity to learn more about each other as colleagues. The team will follow up with the School Management Team's effort at the next AEC Meeting 3/27/2023.

Finance and Audit Committee Meeting

There is a Finance and Audit Committee Meeting scheduled for 2/15/2023. The Q2 Financial Reports will be reviewed as well as the budget process.

Personnel Committee Meeting

The Personnel Committee Meeting will be held as needed, a meeting will be scheduled for early march to discuss Form 990.

7. Public speaking (5 minutes)

Tavannie Perez discussed fundraising efforts for the upcoming graduation. A GoFund me page was created to purchase gift cards for male students to purchase outfits for events like the prom and graduation as well as dresses for ladies.

Ms. Jamilah Abdul-Majid thanked all parties who made presentations as well as her colleagues on the Academic Excellence Committee. Ms. Abdul-Majid stated that she has left a record of questions in the chat that can be addressed at a later time, but wanted to acknowledge the serious crisis in Turkey stemming from the earthquake that just occurred and asked us to keep those affected by this in our hearts.

8. Board Candidate (Executive Session) (10 minutes, Chair & ED)

[Redacted]

The board called a motion to come out of executive session. The board voted unanimously to approve the nomination of Ms. Monique Francis to the Innovation High School Board of Trustees as Parent Representative.

9. Retirement Plan Administrator (Executive Session) (10 minutes, ED & AD Finance)

[Redacted]

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

[Redacted]

11. Personnel Matter (Executive Session)

[Redacted]

12. Adjournment

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