



**November Meeting Minutes**  
**Board of Trustees DC Scholars Public Charter School (DCSPCS)**

Wednesday, November 18, 2020

4:30-6:30pm via Zoom

<https://dcscholars-org.zoom.us/j/92806868940>

**In attendance:** Bob Weinberg, Porchia Nixon, Andrew Ellenbogen, Crystal Williams, Erica Jackson, Evan Piekara, Jackie Lendsey, Maegan Marciano, and Tiffianne Hudnall

**Absent:** Janelle Suggs, Ms. Lendsey left the meeting at 4:55p.

**I. Welcome and Agenda Review**

- a) Mr. Weinberg called the meeting to order at 4:33p after taking roll call to determine the presence of a quorum.

**II. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

- a) September 23, 2020 Annual Meeting Minutes – Mr. Weinberg made a motion to approve the minutes and Ms. Lendsey seconded. Mr. Weinberg conducted a rollcall vote. The meeting minutes were approved unanimously.
- b) September 23, 2020 Meeting Minutes – Mr. Weinberg made a motion to approve the minutes and Ms. Jackson seconded. Mr. Weinberg conducted a rollcall vote. The meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

**III. Head of School Committee Report**

- a) Ms. Lendsey gave an update on the process for reviewing Amy Helms' performance as Interim Head of School.

**IV. Development and Outreach Committee Report**



- a) Ms. Marcano provided an update on DC Scholars' development work and Board contributions for the current fiscal year.

**V. 2019 Audited Financials**

- a) Mr. Ellenbogen provided an overview of the 2019 audited financials and findings and reported a clean audit.
- b) Mr. Weinberg shared that the Finance Committee was making a recommendation to the Board that the 2019 audited financials be approved by the Board.
- c) Mr. Weinberg made a motion to approve the audited financials, which was seconded by Mr. Ellenbogen. Mr. Weinberg conducted a rollcall vote and the financials were approved unanimously.

**VI. Interim Head of School Introduction and Report**

- a) Mr. Weinberg introduced Amy Helms, Interim Head of School, to the Board
- b) Ms. Helms provided the Board with an overview of her background leading up to her role at DC Scholars.
- c) Each of the Board members introduced themselves to Ms. Helms.
- d) Ms. Helms provided an Interim Head of Schools report to the Board and responded to questions from the Board.

**VII. DC Public Charter School Board Meetings Update**

- a) Mr. Weinberg and Ms. Leonard provided a report on the meeting that occurred with Dr. Michelle Walker-Davis (ED of DC PCSB) on November 4, 2020 and the subsequent meeting between DC PCSB Board and Staff with DC Scholars Board and Leadership Team on November 5, 2020.

**VIII. Additional Committee Reports**

- a) Finance Committee
  - i. Approval of Amended Contracts
    - 1. Nicole Bryan/Growth MindED – Mr. Weinberg made a motion which was seconded by Mr. Piekara to approve the Growth MindED contract. Mr. Weinberg conducted a vote by rollcall. The contract was approved.



2. Laura Ressler – Mr. Weinberg made a motion which was seconded by Ms. Jackson to approve the Laura Ressler contract. Mr. Weinberg conducted a rollcall vote. The contract was approved unanimously.

b) Governance Committee

- i. Mr. Weinberg shared that the Governance Committee recommended that the Board vote to elect Mr. Robert Patterson as a member of the Board of Trustees. Mr. Weinberg made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Williams, to elect Mr. Patterson. Mr. Weinberg conducted a roll call vote and Mr. Patterson was elected unanimously.

**IX. Executive Session**

- a) Mr. Weinberg made a motion that in accordance with DC Law 23-148, Section 2-575(b)(10), this portion of the agenda would be closed to discuss and to take a vote on minutes of a September 30, 2020 meeting regarding personnel matters of DC Scholars Public Charter School. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously by a roll call vote.
- b) Mr. Weinberg made a motion to approve the September 30 meeting minutes, which was seconded by Ms. Jackson. Mr. Weinberg conducted a rollcall vote and the meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

**X. Closing**

- a) Mr. Weinberg thanked the Board members and the meeting was adjourned at 7:06pm.