



**February Meeting Minutes for the  
Board of Trustees of DC Scholars Public Charter School (DCSPCS)**

Thursday, February 25, 2021

4:30 – 6:30 pm via Zoom

<https://dcscholars-org.zoom.us/j/96233733301?pwd=WIEwM1ZvVmhsSjdKRFRlcUYrRkhuQT09>

**Board Members Present:** Bob Weinberg, Robert Patterson, Erica Jackson, Jackie Lendsey, Evan Piekara, Crystal Williams, Maegan Marcano, Janelle Suggs (4:35 pm), Tiffianne Hudnall (4:50 pm).

**Board Members Absent:** Andrew Ellenbogen, Porchia Nixon.

**Staff Present:** Business Manager Emily Stone, Finance Specialist Vickie Ho, Executive Director Jennifer Leonard (4:39 pm), Interim Head of School Amy Helms (4:50 pm).

- I. Welcome and Agenda Review
  - a. Mr. Weinberg called the meeting to order at 4:34 pm after taking roll call to determine the presence of a quorum.
  
- II. Approval of Meeting Minutes
  - a. January 28, 2021 Minutes

Mr. Piekara made a motion to approve the January 28, 2021 Minutes. Ms. Williams seconded. Mr. Weinberg conducted a rollcall vote. The motion was approved.
  
- III. Academics Committee Report
  - a. Ms. Jackson displayed the Data Dashboard and a discussion followed.
  
- IV. Governance Committee Report
  - a. Ms. Williams provided an oral report about the recent Governance Committee meeting and the results of that meeting.
  
- V. Finance Committee Report
  - a. Approval of 2019 DC Scholars Form 990
    - i. After discussion, Mr. Piekara made a motion to approve the 2019 Form 990. Ms. Lendsey seconded the motion. Mr. Weinberg conducted a rollcall vote. The motion was approved.
  
  - b. December 2020 Close Financials
    - i. Mrs. Leonard provided an oral update and discussed the school's financials provided in the packet.



VI. Interim Head of School's Report

- a. Ms. Helms provided an oral Interim Head of Schools report accompanied by exhibits related to student data, staff intent to return data, DC PCSB QSR, Cognia Accreditation visit, school re-opening, instructional recovery planning, and strategic planning for SY21-22.
- b. Ms. Helms responded to questions from the Board.

VII. Executive Session

- a. Mr. Weinberg made a motion to have a closed session pursuant to DC Law 23-148, Section 2-575(b)(10) to address personnel matters of DC Scholars Public Charter School. The motion was seconded. Mr. Weinberg conducted a rollcall vote. The motion was approved.
- b. Mr. Weinberg made a motion to end the closed session and return the meeting to an open session. The motion was seconded. Mr. Weinberg conducted a rollcall vote. The motion was approved.

VIII. Head of School Appointment

- a. Ms. Lendsey made a motion to appoint Amy Helms as Head of School, effective immediately. The motion was seconded. Mr. Weinberg conducted a rollcall vote on the motion. The motion was approved.

IX. Closing

- a. Mr. Weinberg thanked the Board members and made a motion to close the meeting. The motion was seconded. Mr. Weinberg conducted a rollcall vote. The motion was approved, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:26 pm.

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