



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

Thursday, May 27, 2021

4:30 – 6:45 pm via Zoom

<https://dcscholars-org.zoom.us/j/93080088552?pwd=dEptZ2JZQ3ZDUhRUOFNucFdkdVJYUT09>

Board Members Present: Bob Weinberg, Robert Patterson, Jackie Lendsey, Crystal Williams, Tiffianne Hudnall, Janelle Suggs, Evan Piekara, Erica Jackson, Andrew Ellenbogen (4:37 PM), Maegan Marciano (5:00 PM), Porchia Nixon (5:07 PM).

Board Members Absent: none.

DC Scholars Staff Present: Business Manager Emily Stone, Executive Director Jennifer Leonard, Interim Head of School Nicole Bryan.

Other: Vickie Ho, Finance Specialist at EdOps.

- I. Welcome and Agenda Review
 - a. Mr. Weinberg called the meeting to order at 4:35 pm after taking roll call to determine the presence of a quorum.

- II. Approval of Meeting Minutes
 - a. April 28, 2021 Minutes
Mr. Patterson made a motion to approve the April 28, 2021 Minutes. Ms. Lendsey seconded. Mr. Weinberg conducted a rollcall vote. The motion was approved.

- III. Head of School Committee Report
 - a. Ms. Lendsey provided an oral report about the Head of School Committee. Discussion followed.

- IV. Governance Committee Report
 - a. Ms. Williams provided an update about the Governance Committee's request for Committee Chairs to draft goals for the upcoming school year.
 - b. Ms. Williams provided an update about the consent agenda and/or consent vote discussion at the last meeting.
 - c. Mr. Patterson described the draft Succession Planning and Election Process document included in the packet. Mr. Patterson requested any suggestions, amendments, or edits to be shared with the Governance Committee prior to the next meeting.

- V. Academics Committee Report



- a. Ms. Jackson provided an oral report on the Academic data provided in the board packet.

VI. Interim Head of School's Report

- a. Ms. Bryan provided an oral Interim Head of School's Report accompanied by exhibits related to the COVID impacts and implications, Instructional Recovery Planning, and Preparing for SY21-22.
- b. Ms. Bryan responded to questions from the Board.

VII. Finance Committee Report

- a. March 2021 Close Financials
 - i. Mr. Ellenbogen provided an oral update and discussed the school's financials provided in the packet.
- b. FY22 Budget Presentation
 - i. Mr. Ellenbogen provided an oral update and discussed the school's budget summary provided in the packet. Discussion Followed.
 - ii. Mr. Ellenbogen made a motion to approve the FY22 Budget Presentation. Mr. Weinberg seconded. Mr. Weinberg conducted a rollcall vote. The motion was approved.

Interim Head of School Nicole Bryan and Executive Director were recused from the Board meeting.

c. Approval of Contracts

- i. Helios HR
 - 1. At the recommendation of the Finance Committee, and after discussion, Mr. Weinberg made a motion to approve the Helios HR contract. Ms. Lendsey seconded the motion. Mr. Weinberg conducted a rollcall vote. The motion was approved.
- ii. Y&S Technologies
 - 1. At the recommendation of the Finance Committee, and after discussion, Mr. Weinberg made a motion to approve the Y&S Technologies contract. Ms. Jackson seconded the motion. Mr. Weinberg conducted a rollcall vote. The motion was approved.
- iii. Preferred Meals Extension
 - 1. At the recommendation of the Finance Committee, and after discussion, Mr. Weinberg made a motion to approve the Preferred Meals extension contract. Ms. Jackson seconded the motion. Mr. Weinberg conducted a rollcall vote. The motion was approved.
- iv. Therapy Source Renewal
 - 1. At the recommendation of the Finance Committee, and after discussion, Mr. Weinberg made a motion to approve the Therapy Source Renewal. Ms. Lendsey seconded the motion. Mr. Weinberg



conducted a rollcall vote. The motion was approved.

- v. End to End Solutions Renewal
 - 1. At the recommendation of the Finance Committee, and after discussion, Mr. Weinberg made a motion to approve the End-to-End Solutions contract. Ms. Lendsey seconded the motion. Mr. Weinberg conducted a rollcall vote. The motion was approved.

- vi. The Achievement Network (ANet)
 - 1. At the recommendation of the Finance Committee, and after discussion, Mr. Weinberg made a motion to approve the ANet contract. Ms. Jackson seconded the motion. Mr. Weinberg conducted a rollcall vote. The motion was approved.

- vii. Inspiroz
 - 1. **Conflict of Interest Disclosure**
 - a. Mr. Ellenbogen outlined the steps the Board and staff took in April 2021 to ensure the contract was awarded fairly, including posting a public notification for the Request for Proposals. The proposed contract for Inspiroz was selected using the RFP criteria.
 - b. Mr. Weinberg disclosed that Lars Beck is the current President of Inspiroz. Because Mr. Beck was key personnel (CEO) of Scholar Academies when DC Scholars PCS was founded, he is a conflicting interest party.
 - c. The Board acknowledged and waived the Conflict of Interest to proceed with this contract, as Mr. Beck has no current leadership role at DC Scholars.
 - 2. At the recommendation of the Finance Committee, and after discussion, Mr. Weinberg made a motion to approve the Inspiroz contract and acknowledged the Conflict of Interest. Ms. Lendsey seconded the motion. Mr. Weinberg conducted a rollcall vote. The motion was approved.

- viii. EdOps
 - 1. At the recommendation of the Finance Committee, and after discussion, Mr. Weinberg made a motion to approve the EdOps Contract. Ms. Lendsey seconded the motion. Mr. Weinberg conducted a rollcall vote. The motion was approved. (*Vickie Ho, EdOps Finance Specialist, excused herself from the meeting during the discussion and vote of this contract.*)

- ix. Jones, Maresca, & McQuade, P.A.
 - 1. At the recommendation of the Finance Committee, and after discussion, Mr. Weinberg made a motion to approve the Jones, Maresca, & McQuade, P.A. contract. Ms. Lendsey seconded the motion. Mr. Weinberg conducted a rollcall vote. The motion was



approved.

- x. Laura Ressler
 - 1. At the recommendation of the Finance Committee, and after discussion, Mr. Weinberg made a motion to approve the Laura Ressler contract. Mr. Piekara seconded the motion. Mr. Weinberg conducted a rollcall vote. The motion was approved.

- xi. Leonard & Associates, Jennifer Leonard
 - 1. **Conflict of Interest Disclosure**
 - a. Mr. Ellenbogen outlined the steps the Board and staff took in April 2021 to ensure the contract was awarded fairly, including posting a public notification for the Request for Proposal. The proposed contract for Leonard & Associates was selected using the RFP criteria.
 - b. Mr. Weinberg disclosed that Jennifer Leonard is the current Executive Director of DC Scholars PCS and is a conflicting interest party.
 - c. The Board acknowledged and waived the Conflict of Interest to proceed with this contract.
 - 2. At the recommendation of the Finance Committee, and after discussion, Mr. Weinberg made a motion to approve the Leonard & Associates contract. Mr. Ellenbogen seconded the motion. Mr. Weinberg conducted a rollcall vote. The motion was approved.

- xii. Growth MindED Consulting, Nicole Bryan
 - 1. **Conflict of Interest Disclosure**
 - a. Mr. Ellenbogen outlined the steps the Board and staff took in April 2021 to ensure the contract was awarded fairly, including posting a public notification for the Request for Proposal. The proposed contract for Growth MindED Consulting was selected using the RFP criteria.
 - b. Mr. Weinberg disclosed that Nicole Bryan is serving as the Interim Head of School of DC Scholars PCS during the absence of the Head of School, due to maternity leave, and has served as Interim Head of School in SY18-19 and SY19-20. She is a conflicting interest party.
 - c. The Board acknowledged and waived the Conflict of Interest to proceed with this contract.
 - 2. At the recommendation of the Finance Committee, and after discussion, Mr. Weinberg made a motion to approve the Growth MindED Consulting. Mr. Piekara seconded the motion. Mr. Weinberg conducted a rollcall vote. The motion was approved.

VIII. Closing

- a. Mr. Weinberg thanked the Board members for their participation.
- b. Mr. Weinberg made a motion to close the meeting. Ms. Lendsey seconded



the motion. Mr. Weinberg conducted a rollcall vote. The motion was approved, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:44 pm.

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