



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

Wednesday, April 28, 2021

4:30 – 6:30 pm via Zoom

<https://dcscholars-org.zoom.us/j/97178689168?pwd=OTI6OFpNejQvbG9iRVRwMnk1WWNlZz09>

**Board Members Present:** Bob Weinberg, Robert Patterson, Jackie Lendsey, Andrew Ellenbogen, Porchia Nixon, Evan Piekara, Crystal Williams, Janelle Suggs (5:20 pm – 5:50 pm).

**Board Members Absent:** Tiffianne Hudnall, Erica Jackson, Maegan Marcano.

**DC Scholars Staff Present:** Business Manager Emily Stone, Head of School Amy Helms, Executive Director Jennifer Leonard.

**Other:** Carrie Irvin, CEO of Education Board Partners; Vickie Ho, Finance Specialist at EdOps.

- I. Welcome and Agenda Review
  - a. Mr. Weinberg called the meeting to order at 4:37 pm after taking roll call to determine the presence of a quorum.
- II. Chair Update
  - a. There were no updates from the Chair.
- III. Approval of Meeting Minutes
  - a. March 25, 2021 Minutes

Ms. Lendsey made a motion to approve the March 25, 2021 Minutes. Mr. Patterson seconded. Mr. Weinberg conducted a rollcall vote. The motion was approved.
  - b. March 30-31, 2021 Action without Meeting Minutes

Ms. Lendsey made a motion to approve the March 30, 2021 Minutes. Mr. Patterson seconded. Mr. Weinberg conducted a rollcall vote. The motion was approved.
- IV. Head of School Committee Report
  - a. Ms. Lendsey provided an oral report about the Head of School Committee.
- V. Finance Committee Report
  - a. Approval of Contracts
    - i. Jones Lang LaSalle Amendment
      1. At the recommendation of the Finance Committee, Mr. Weinberg made a motion to approve the Jones Lang LaSalle Contract Amendment. Mr. Piekara seconded the motion. Mr. Weinberg



conducted a rollcall vote. The motion was approved.

- b. February 2021 Close Financials
  - i. Mr. Ellenbogen and Mrs. Leonard provided an oral update and discussed the school's financials provided in the packet.
- c. FY22 Draft Budget Summary Presentation
  - i. Mrs. Leonard provided an oral update and discussed the school's preliminary budget summary provided in the packet. Board Discussion Followed.
- VI. Governance Committee Report
  - a. Mr. Weinberg provided an update about the Governance Committee's work to formulate and finalize an Officer succession plan. Discussion followed.
- VII. Academics Committee Report
  - a. Mr. Weinberg provided an oral update on behalf of the Academic Committee Chair Erica Jackson.
- VIII. Head of School's Report
  - a. Ms. Helms provided an oral Head of School's Report accompanied by exhibits related to the new DC Scholars Director of Finance and Operations, Reopening Pilot, SY21-22 Re-Opening and Mayor's Update, HOS Goals and Metrics for SY21-22, DC PCSB PMF Shifts, and Instructional Recovery Planning.
  - b. Ms. Helms responded to questions from the Board.
- IX. Balancing Governance & Management Training
  - a. Mrs. Carrie Irvin facilitated a discussion on Balancing Governance and Management. Discussion followed.
- X. Closing
  - a. Mr. Weinberg thanked the Board members for their participation. Ms. Lendsey made a motion to close the meeting. Mr. Piekara seconded the motion. Mr. Weinberg conducted a rollcall vote. The motion was approved, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:18 pm.

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