



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

Thursday, March 24, 2022

4:30 pm via Zoom

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**Board Members Present:** Bob Weinberg, Crystal Williams, Jackie Lendsey (until 5:00 pm), Evan Piekara, Laura Fitzgerald, Shantania Williams, Maegan Marcano (4:44 pm).

**Board Members Absent:** Janelle Suggs, Robert Patterson, Andrew Ellenbogen.

**Guests:** Vickie Ho (EdOps), Dionne Dabelow (EdOps).

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

- 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. February 24, 2022 Meeting
    - i. Ms. Lendsey made a motion to approve the February 24, 2022 Meeting Minutes. Ms. S. Williams seconded. Mr. Weinberg conducted a roll call vote. The motion was approved.
  
- III. Finance Committee Report
  - a. Vote for Approval
    - i. Verizon Fios Contract
      1. At the recommendation of the Finance Committee, and after discussion, Ms. Lendsey made a motion to approve the Verizon Fios Contract. Ms. C Williams seconded the motion. Mr. Weinberg conducted a roll call vote. The motion was approved.
    - ii. CareFirst BlueCross
      1. At the recommendation of the Finance Committee, and after discussion, Ms. Lendsey made a motion to approve the CareFirst BlueCross contract. Ms. C Williams seconded the motion. Mr. Weinberg conducted a roll call vote. The motion was approved.
    - iii. 2020-21 Form 990
      1. At the recommendation of the Finance Committee, and after discussion, Ms. Lendsey made a motion to approve 2020 Form 990. Mr. Piekara seconded the motion. Mr. Weinberg conducted a roll call vote. The motion was approved.



- b. January 2022 Financials
  - i. Mr. Piekara provided an overview of the January 2022 financials included in the board materials. Discussion followed.
  
- IV. Governance Committee Report
  - a. Board Member Onboarding Handbook
    - i. The Governance Committee Chair Ms. C Williams presented the completed draft of the Board Handbook and requested questions and discussions on the Board Handbook.
  - b. Parent Board Member Update
    - i. Mr. Weinberg recognized Emily Stone, Business Manager, to provide an oral update on the status of parent board member vacancy.
  - c. Board Member Update
    - i. Mr. Weinberg provided an update on the Board Roster and the need to fill two vacant positions in September 2022.
    - ii. Mr. Weinberg requested board member recommendations for new members. Discussion followed.
  
- V. Head of School's Report
  - a. Ms. Helms provided a verbal report on the following:
    - i. Middle of Year student data;
    - ii. SY22-23 strategic planning, including staffing plans, student schedules, and improving data and operational systems.
    - iii. SY21-22 COVID Policy and procedure updates;
    - iv. SY22-23 Enrollment;
    - v. A preview of April deadlines, including an upcoming OSSE ESSER Visit, PCSB 10 Year Review Plan, Cognia Accreditation Monitoring, and End of Year student testing and events, and staff retention and hiring for SY22-23.
  - b. Ms. Helms responded to questions and comments from the Board.
  
- VI. Closing
  - a. Mr. Weinberg made a motion to close the meeting. Ms. C. Williams seconded the motion. Mr. Weinberg conducted a roll call vote. The motion was approved, and the meeting was adjourned at 5:44 PM.
  - b. Mr. Weinberg thanked the board members for their participation.

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