



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

Thursday, February 24, 2022

4:30 pm via Zoom

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Board Members Present: Bob Weinberg, Robert Patterson, Andrew Ellenbogen, Crystal Williams, Jackie Lendsey, Evan Piekara, Laura Fitzgerald (4:35 PM), Shantania Williams (4:38 PM), Janelle Suggs (4:57 PM).

Board Members Absent: Maegan Marcano.

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 4:34 pm after taking roll call to determine the presence of a quorum.

- II. Approval of Meeting Minutes
 - a. January 27, 2022 Meeting
 - i. Ms. Lendsey made a motion to approve the January 27, 2022 Meeting Minutes. Ms. C Williams seconded. Mr. Weinberg conducted a roll call vote. The motion was approved.
 - b. February 9, 2022 Action without Meeting
 - i. Mr. Patterson made a motion to approve the February 9, 2022 Action without Meeting Minutes. Mr. Piekara seconded. Mr. Weinberg conducted a roll call vote. The motion was approved.

- III. Chair Updates
 - a. Introduction of Laura Fitzgerald Fonseca
 - i. Mr. Weinberg introduced Ms. Laura Fitzgerald to the Board of Trustees.
 - ii. Ms. Fitzgerald introduced herself to the Board and Board members and staff introduced themselves to Ms. Fitzgerald.

- IV. Head of School's Report
 - a. Ms. Helms provided an oral report on the COVID-19 Health and Safety protocols, SY21-22 staffing updates and challenges, recruitment and retention efforts, student data updates, including academic and attendance data, and updates to the PCSB 10 Year Review and Cognia Accreditation Monitoring Visit.
 - b. Ms. Helms also previewed SY22-23 budget, enrollment, and strategic planning.
 - c. Ms. Helms responded to questions and comments from the Board.



- V. Finance Committee Report
 - a. December 2021 Financials
 - i. Mr. Ellenbogen provided an overview of the December financials provided in the board materials.
 - b. Vote for Approval
 - i. Conflict of Interest Disclosure for the Growth MindED Consultant
 - 1. Mr. Weinberg disclosed that Nicole Bryan served as the Interim Head of School of DC Scholars PCS during the absence of the Head of School, due to maternity leave, and served as the Interim Head of School in SY18-19 and SY19-20. She is considered a conflicting interest party in connection with the Growth MindED Consulting contract.
 - 2. Mr. Weinberg made a motion to acknowledge and waive the Conflict of Interest to proceed with this contract. Mr. Patterson seconded the motion. Mr. Weinberg conducted a roll call vote. The motion was approved.
 - ii. Growth MindED Procurement Process
 - 1. Mr. Weinberg outlined that the rate billed by Nicole Bryan will remain the same for the Amendment 01 as the original agreement. DC Scholars conducted a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the original contract, which was awarded in June 2021.
 - iii. Growth MindED Consultant Contract Amendment
 - 1. At the recommendation of the Finance Committee, and after discussion, Ms. Lendsey made a motion to approve the Growth MindED Consultant contract Amendment. Mr. Patterson seconded the motion. Mr. Weinberg conducted a roll call vote. The motion was approved.
- VI. Closing
 - a. Mr. Weinberg made a motion to close the meeting. Mr. Patterson seconded the motion. Mr. Weinberg conducted a roll call vote. The motion was approved, and the meeting was adjourned at 5:45 PM.
 - b. Mr. Weinberg thanked the board members for their participation.

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