



**Note:** These Board Minutes are not yet approved and will be reviewed and voted upon at the next Board meeting in July 2022.

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

Thursday, June 16, 2022

4:30 pm via Zoom

<https://dcscholars-org.zoom.us/j/93298404996?pwd=RnVxbHhOUExmN3Jpa0pLOGJVcTB0UT09>

**Board Members Present:** Bob Weinberg, Evan Piekara, Crystal Williams, Laura Fitzgerald, Andrew Ellenbogen, Robert Patterson, Tikia Thompson (4:37 PM to 4:57 PM), Janelle Suggs (4:58 PM), Maegan Marcano (5:09 PM).

**Board Members Absent:** Shantania Williams, Jackie Lendsey.

**Guests:** Dionne Dabelow (EdOps).

**DC Scholars Staff Present:** Business Manager Emily Stone, Head of School Amy Helms, Director of Finance and Operations Kimberly Lucas.

- 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. Chair Updates
  - a. There were no Chair Updates and the Board moved to Agenda item III.
- III. Approval of Meeting Minutes
  - a. May 26, 2022 Meeting  
Mr. Patterson made a motion to approve the May 26, 2022 Meeting Minutes. Mr. Piekara seconded. Mr. Weinberg conducted a roll call vote. The motion was approved.
- IV. Governance Committee Report
  - a. At the recommendation of the Governance Committee, and after discussion, Mr. Patterson made a motion to approve the SY22-23 Board Calendar. Mr. Piekara seconded the motion. Mr. Weinberg conducted a roll call vote. The motion was approved.
  - b. At the recommendation of the Governance Committee, and after discussion, Mr. Patterson made a motion to approve the SY22-23 Scholar & Family Policies. Mr. Piekara seconded the motion. Mr. Weinberg conducted a roll call vote. The motion was approved.
- V. Academic Committee Report



- a. The Academic Committee Chair Ms. Fitzgerald provided an oral report related the Academic Committee meeting materials included in the packet. Discussion Followed.

VI. Finance Committee Report

- a. April 2022 Financials

Mr. Ellenbogen provided an overview of the April 2022 financials included in the board materials. Discussion followed.

- b. Contracts: Vote for Approval

- i. Securemedy Inc.

At the recommendation of the Finance Committee, and after discussion, Mr. Ellenbogen made a motion to approve the Securemedy Inc. contract. Mr. Weinberg seconded the motion. Mr. Weinberg conducted a roll call vote. The motion was approved.

- ii. EdOps Data

At the recommendation of the Finance Committee, and after discussion, Mr. Ellenbogen made a motion to approve the EdOps Data contract. Mr. Weinberg seconded the motion. Mr. Weinberg conducted a roll call vote. The motion was approved.

- iii. Busy Bee Environment Services

At the recommendation of the Finance Committee, and after discussion, Mr. Ellenbogen made a motion to approve the Busy Bee Environment Services contract. Mr. Weinberg seconded the motion. Mr. Weinberg conducted a roll call vote. The motion was approved.

VII. Head of School's Report

- a. Ms. Helms provided an oral report on the following:

- i. Accreditation: Monitoring Report Update;
  - ii. Summer at DC Scholars;
  - iii. COVID Planning;
  - iv. SY22-23 Hiring Updates;
  - v. SY22-23 Enrollment;
  - vi. Academic Achievement;

- b. Ms. Helms responded to questions and comments from the Board.

VIII. Executive Session

- a. Mr. Weinberg announced that pursuant to the DC Code §2-575(b)(10), a portion of an Open Meeting may be closed "to discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, performance evaluation, compensation, discipline, demotion, removal, or resignation of ... public charter school personnel, where the public body is the board of trustees of a public charter school."
- b. All DC Scholars staff and contractors were asked to leave the meeting.



- c. Mr. Weinberg made a motion to enter the Executive Session at 5:15 PM. Mr. Piekara seconded the motion. Mr. Weinberg conducted a roll call vote. The motion was approved.
- d. Mr. Weinberg put on the record that in the Executive Session, the SY22-23 Employment contract for Ms. Helms, Head of School, was approved by the Board based on a motion by Mr. Weinberg, a sufficient second, and a roll call vote.
- e. At 6:24 PM, the Board voted to end the Executive Session.

IX. Closing

- a. Mr. Weinberg made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded, and Mr. Weinberg conducted a roll call vote. The motion was approved, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:29 PM.
- b. Mr. Weinberg thanked the board members for their participation.

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