

# THE CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL FOR LAW AND SOCIAL JUSTICE



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## **Minutes-Board of Trustees Meeting**

**January 20, 2022, 6:00 p.m.**

In-person: John Callahan

By Zoom Conferencing: Denis ORourke, Dan Sang, Janine Azrilliant, Linnet Tse, Rick Marsico, Sarah Fuentes, Jumaane Saunders

Absent: Charmane Adams , Christian Bannerman.

In-person-, Ms. Sharpe, Dir. SPED,  
Socrates Solano, Executive Director Richard Burke by Zoom

Welcome and Call to Order- Mr. John Callahan welcomed and called the Meeting to Order at 6:05 PM, thanked everyone for attending, and acknowledged the positive meeting with Mary Grace Eapen that happened at five about our renewal and expansion.

Mr. Callahan asked if anyone had any questions about Consent Agenda.

Mr. Callahan turned it over to Mr. Burke, who moved to review the Financials. He stated that the Finance Committee had met on January 18 and reviewed all the financials.

### Financials-

Mr. Burke began reviewing the financials and shared his screen. Mr. Burke said our finances showed we had 161 days of cash. Mr. Burke stated that the December financials still showed a deficit but would show a balanced budget when the per-pupil # is reconciled. This should happen in the February Board meeting with January financials.

### Executive Director Report:

Mr. Burke spoke about the positive culture in the schools. He talked about how the formal teacher observations and positive PD happened. Mr. Burke also said about the visits by Andy Dousis working with staff on suitable behavior interventions. Mr. Burke also spoke about the increased teacher absence and efforts to find substitutes which is problematic. Mr. Burke said he hears from many Principals and Heads of Schools that everyone is experiencing this difficulty.

Chairman Report - Mr. Callahan spoke about Mary Grace Eapen, our consultant, presentation. Mr. Callahan then discussed the issue of forming a separate Board Committee to deal with the expansion. There was a discussion of Board members about

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what that should look like, and Mr. Callahan said he would work with Mr. Sang to draft a motion on that action.

Mr. Callahan then called for Committee Reports-

Finance-Mr. Callahan reported that we had discussed the Finance Committee earlier, and there was a meeting this past Tuesday.

Governance- Mr. Callahan said he did not think they would need to meet but would discuss this with Mr. Saunders and others.

Academic Committee- Ms. Fuentes talked about what the Academic would be meeting in February and what they would be looking including STAR and Interim data.

Fundraising Committee-Mr. Burke reported that he had sent out information for a cocktail party in April or May at Botanical Garden and would be sending a picture of the space.

New Business: Mr. Callahan asked for a motion to approve Socrates Solano as a new Board member and send it to SED for approval: Ms. Azfiliant moved, Ms. Tse seconded. It was approved.

**RESOLUTIONS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF  
THE CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL FOR LAW AND SOCIAL JUSTICE**

The Charter High School for Law and Social Justice Board of Trustees, having conducted a thorough criminal history record check via fingerprinting which is deemed acceptable by NYSED, and having discovered no State or federal criminal history, or having provided information regarding such history to NYSED, if found, and having verified that any academic and/or professional credential or qualification presented by the proposed member is genuine, and having reviewed the application in its entirety, has voted to select Socrates Solamo as a member to its Board of Trustees, with a term expiring on [June 30, 2022, pending approval by NYSED. The resolution approving Socrates Solano is adopted upon NYSED's approval.

Mr. O'Rourke moved to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Tse, and approved at 7:45 PM.

Next Meeting: February 17, 2022, 6:00 PM.

  
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