



UNITY

PREPARATORY
CHARTER SCHOOL
of BROOKLYN

MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF
THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
UNITY PREPARATORY CHARTER SCHOOL OF BROOKLYN

HELD: January 13, 2016

A meeting of the Board of Trustees (the “Board”) of Unity Preparatory Charter School of Brooklyn (the “School”), was held on January 13, 2016 beginning at 7:00 p.m., New York time. Notice of the meeting was duly given to all Trustees, was posted on the School’s website and was sent to The New York Times, the New York Daily News and the Brooklyn Daily.

Four Trustees were present at the beginning of the meeting at 432 Monroe Street, Brooklyn, New York 11221:

Richard Pollack

Kabir Ahuja

James Ellsworth

Jake Elghanayan

The following trustee was present at 241 Eldridge Street, New York, NY 10002, at the beginning of the meeting and was linked by videoconference:

Marion Leydier

The following trustee was present at at the beginning of the meeting and was linked by videoconference:

Aryn Bowman

Also in attendance at the invitation of the Board were Joshua Beauregard, Hemanth Venkataraman, Casey Burns, Michelle Gaines, Grace Yun, Jeannette Braun, Heather Blumberg, and Kristin O’Neill.

A quorum being present, Mr. Pollack called the meeting to order.

The minutes of a meeting of the Board of Trustees held on December 2, 2015 were unanimously approved.

Franklin Amoo joined the meeting at 432 Monroe Street, Brooklyn, New York 11221 at 7:15 pm.

Mr. Pollack and Mr. Beauregard described to the Board correspondence that had been received by Mr. Pollack at the Board Chair email address from parents of two students and from an employee of the School. Messrs. Pollack and Beauregard responded to questions from the Trustees regarding the correspondence. After discussion, it was determined that Mr. Beauregard would report to the SLC each month on any correspondence from parents or employees directed to the Board.

The following trustee joined the meeting at 245 Bent Street, Cambridge, MA 02139, at 6:45pm and was linked by videoconference:

Caleb Hurst-Hiller

Carlyle Leach joined the meeting at 432 Monroe Street, Brooklyn, New York 11221 at 7:20 pm.

Ms. Braun then presented an overview of the legal framework applicable to charter schools in respect of special education and described litigation currently underway involving another charter school. The Trustees, Mr. Beauregard, Ms. Braun, Ms. Gaines, Ms. Yun and Mr. Burns undertook an in-depth discussion of the School's special education program. Following the discussion, Mr. Beauregard indicated that he would report to the Board following the School leadership's review of the School's special education program.

Mr. Ahuja and Ms. Blumberg presented an update on the School's budget and finances.

Ms. Bowman presented an update on Student Learning.

Messrs. Ellsworth and Elghanayan presented an update on Facilities and Development.

Mr. Beauregard alerted the Board to the upcoming review by the SED of the School that is scheduled to take place the week of February 22, 2016.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:50 p.m., New York time.

Richard A. Pollack
Chairman