



Inquiry Charter School

Inquiry Charter School Board of Directors Meeting

Date:	September 20, 2023
Time:	12:00 pm
Location:	Met virtually (Zoom) Inquiry Charter School, 1301 Belmont Avenue, Philadelphia, Pa 19104

Call to Order: A regular meeting of the Inquiry Charter Board of Trustees took place in a joint session with the Belmont Charter School Board of Trustees. The meeting was called to order at 12:05 pm.

Members of the Board in Attendance:

Michael Karp (nonvoting)
Leslie Convey (nonvoting)
Steve Parico(nonvoting)
Lisa Kaminsky
Lauren Katz
Devaline Guha Roy
Elizabeth Preate-Havey

Absent members: Lexie Kominsar

Members of the Board in Attendance (Belmont Charter School): Dominique Reiff, Paullette Adams

Members of the Board in Attendance (Community Education Alliance of West Philadelphia): Kristen Koenisbauer, Shanisha Mitchell

Staff in Attendance: Troy Hardy, Jennifer Faustman, Claire Cohen, Beth Dyson, Theresa Doggett, and contract relationship: Robie Lawless of Charter Choices

Parents or community member: none

M. Karp called the meeting to order and began the meeting by calling for public comment. No public comment was made.

Resolution 1: Board members reviewed the minutes from the previous meeting, June 2023, L. Kaminsky made a motion to approve. Seconded by S. Parico. The motion passed unanimously.

CEO Report: J. Faustman provided an update on the start-of-the-year activities outlining the strong start of the school year. The school's priorities have led to a strong push for attendance, retraining teachers in Responsive Classroom and Trauma-informed care and accelerated learning.

Financial Report: T. Doggett provided a summary of the financials provided on Inquiry Charter School. The finance committee met ahead of this meeting to review all budget details. T. Doggett highlighted the school is moving to a 5 year financial projection to plan for the reduction from ESSER funds.

Action Items:

Resolution 2: Board members reviewed the Inquiry Charter School Employee Handbook and approved changes for FY24. L. Kaminsky made a motion to approve. Seconded by S. Parico. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 3: To approve vendor contracts according to the bylaws for the ICS board of directors as outlined in the board packet (see attached). L. Kaminsky made a motion to approve. Seconded by S. Parico. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 4: The board reviewed and approved the Student/Family Handbook for the 2023-2024 school year. L. Kaminsky made a motion to approve. Seconded by S. Parico. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 5: The board reviewed and approved the student enrollment policy for the 2023-2024 school year. L. Kaminsky made a motion to approve. Seconded by S. Parico. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 6: The board approved the comprehensive plan that is required every 3 years by PDE. L. Kaminsky made a motion to approve. Seconded by S. Parico. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 7: The board approved revisions to the FY24 budget. L. Kaminsky made a motion to approve. Seconded by S. Parico. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by L. Kaminsky. Seconded by M. Karp. The meeting adjourned at 12:43pm