

## MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES – Tuesday, March 23, 2021

A Public Session of the Elysian Charter School of Hoboken Board of Trustees was held on Tuesday, March 23, 2021 via Zoom video conference at 6:30 p.m.

Sunshine statement: Pursuant to Section 5 of the Open Public Meetings Act, notice of this meeting was advertised as directed by resolution adopted April 28, 2020. Notice of the meeting was published in the Public Notice Section of the Jersey Journal, posted on the Elysian Charter School website at [www.ecsnj.org](http://www.ecsnj.org) and at the Elysian Charter School located at 1460 Garden Street, Hoboken, NJ, 07030.

Call to Order by Board Chair -

### I. Roll Call

Voting Members	Role	Present	Absent
Chris DeFilippis	Trustee	x	
Christopher Gizzi	Trustee	x	
Daniel Glynn	Trustee	x	
Andrea O'Connor	Trustee	x	
Maria Badali	Trustee	x	
Amanda Gordon	Trustee	x	
Erin Curtiss	Trustee	x	
Michael Gazaleh	Trustee	x	
Jaime Marchand	Trustee	x	

Non - Voting Members	Role	Present	Absent
Susan Grierson	Director	x	
Diane M Macon	Business Manager	x	
Abra Kessler	Faculty Representative	x	
Regan Michaels	Faculty Representative	x	

### Motion for Elysian Charter Board of Trustees to accept the minutes from the Regular Meeting February 23 , 2021

Voting Members	Motion	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Chris DeFilippis	1	x				Amanda Gordon				x	
Christopher Gizzi				x		Erin Curtiss		x			
Daniel Glynn		x				Michael Gazaleh		x			
Andrea O'Connor		x				Jaime Marchand	2	x			
Maria Badali		x									

### Motion for Elysian Charter Board of Trustees to accept the minutes from the Executive Session Sept. 20, 2020

Voting Members	Motion	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Chris DeFilippis		x				Amanda Gordon				x	
Christopher Gizzi				x		Erin Curtiss		x			
Daniel Glynn		x				Michael Gazaleh	2	x			
Andrea O'Connor		x				Jaime Marchand		x			
Maria Badali	1	x									

### III. Honoring Departing Board Members

Brian Blake  
Diane Sasso

### IV. New Board Members

1. The Elysian Charter School Board of Trustees hereby certifies the 2021 Board of Trustee election results and recognizes the following three candidates as those with the highest votes and who will serve in office from March 23, 2021 to March 23, 2024.

Christopher Gizzi  
Amanda Gordon

### V. Election of New Officers

2. Resolved that the following board members are elected to serve as officers of the Elysian Charter School Board for the ensuing year or until their successors are duly noted and qualified.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>OFFICE</u>
Chris DeFilippis	Chair
Maria Badali	Vice Chair
Dan Glynn	Finance Chair

3. Resolved that the Board of Trustees of Elysian Charter School approve the following individuals as authorized check signers on the Operating, Payroll, Payroll Agency, Lunch, Student, Afterschool and Club school bank accounts with Kearny Bank beginning April 1, 2021.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>OFFICE</u>
Chris DeFilippis	Chair
Dan Glynn	Treasurer
Diane M. Macon	Board Secretary

### 2. Director's Report (attached)

### 3. Faculty Representative's Report

Faculty Representatives - (Regan Michaels & Abra Kessler): The teachers expressed their thanks to the Board and administration for the plans to award a salary increase and bonus in the upcoming 2021-22 school year. They also wanted to express their thanks to Diane DeSombre for her continued diligence on keeping the safety and health protocols in place. The teaching staff is planning out the best way to utilize the extension of the school day and additional in-person day (Wednesday) when we return from Spring break.

#### 4. Presentation of Committee Report

Finance Committee – Dan Glynn, Treasurer

Personnel Committee – Andrea O’Connor, Chair

- There were no committee reports this month due to the fact that outgoing Board members are leaving their positions and there will be a shift in committee personnel.

#### 5. Public Comment

The meeting is open to the public for comment on items on or off the agenda.

*(Limited to 5 minutes per person).*

Elysian parent, Alison Seanor, inquired as to whether there are plans to reopen full time in the Spring as the other local charter schools are doing.

Upon recommendation of the Director of Elysian Charter School the following resolutions are presented for approval:

#### 6. Finance:

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:23-2.11(a)4, the Board of Trustees acknowledges receipt of the secretary’s certification, and after review of the monthly financial report (appropriations section) certifies that, to the best of its knowledge, as of March 23, 2020, no major account or fund has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2,11(b), and that sufficient funds are available to meet the school’s financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

- 6.1 Resolved that the Board of Trustees approves the Payroll Report of February 15 2021 in the amount of \$138,332.06
- 6.2 Resolved that the Board of Trustees approves the Payroll Report of February 26, 2021 in the amount of \$139,557.63.
- 6.3 Resolved that the Board of Trustees approves the February Check Register from February 23, 2021 March 12, 2021 in the amount of \$329-957.21.
- 6.4 Resolved that the Board of Trustees approves the Board Secretary and Treasurer Reports for January 2021 as per attached.

Roll Call Vote Resolutions 6-1 – 6-4

Voting Members	Motion	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Chris DeFilippis		x				Amanda Gordon				x	
Christopher Gizzi				x		Erin Curtiss		x			
Daniel Glynn	1	x				Michael Gazaleh	2	x			
Andrea O’Connor		x				Jaime Marchand		x			
Maria Badali		x									

- 6.5 Resolved that the Board of Trustees approves a 2% employee raise for the 2021-2022 school year and bonus award of \$1,100.00 to be included in the September 15, 2021 payroll, as per the attached list.

Roll Call Vote Resolutions 6-5

Voting Members	Motion	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Chris DeFilippis		x				Amanda Gordon				x	
Christopher Gizzi				x		Erin Curtiss		x			
Daniel Glynn	2	x				Michael Gazaleh		x			
Andrea O'Connor		x				Jaime Marchand	1	x			
Maria Badali		x									

6.6 Resolved that the Board of Trustees approves the 2021-2022 fiscal budget as per attached, and submittal to the Department of Education.

Roll Call Vote Resolutions 6-6

Voting Members	Motion	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Chris DeFilippis	1	x				Amanda Gordon				x	
Christopher Gizzi				x		Erin Curtiss		x			
Daniel Glynn	2	x				Michael Gazaleh		x			
Andrea O'Connor		x				Jaime Marchand		x			
Maria Badali		x									

**7. Personnel:**

7.1 Resolved that the Board of Trustees approves supplemental pay of \$15.00 per hour for the employees of the Elysian After Care Program.

Roll Call Vote Resolutions 7.1

Voting Members	Motion	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Chris DeFilippis		x				Amanda Gordon				x	
Christopher Gizzi				x		Erin Curtiss	2	x			
Daniel Glynn		x				Michael Gazaleh		x			
Andrea O'Connor		x				Jaime Marchand		x			
Maria Badali	1	x									

7.2 Resolved that the Board of Trustees approves hiring Lakeisha Thomas as a School Aide beginning March 15, 2021 through June 18, 2021 for 6 hours per day at the rate of \$12.00 per hour.

Roll Call Vote Resolutions 7.2

Voting Members	Motion	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Chris DeFilippis		x				Amanda Gordon				x	
Christopher Gizzi				x		Erin Curtiss		x			
Daniel Glynn		x				Michael Gazaleh		x			
Andrea O'Connor	1	x				Jaime Marchand		x			
Maria Badali	2	x									

7.3 Resolved that the Board of Trustees approves hiring Paige Hill as a School Aide beginning March 15, 2021 through June 18, 2021 for 6 hours per day at the rate of \$12.00 per hour.

Roll Call Vote Resolutions 7.3

Voting Members	Motion	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Chris DeFilippis		x				Amanda Gordon				x	
Christopher Gizzi				x		Erin Curtiss		x			
Daniel Glynn	1	x				Michael Gazaleh	2	x			
Andrea O'Connor		x				Jaime Marchand		x			
Maria Badali		x									

**8. Governance/Policy:**

**9. Curriculum/Special Education:**

**10. Facilities:**

**11. Miscellaneous:**

11.1 Resolved that the Board of Trustees approves the attached resolution Urging Relief from Increased Costs to School Districts Resulting from the Implementation of “Chapter 44,” the 2020 School Employee Health Benefits Reform Law

Roll Call Vote Resolutions 11.1

Voting Members	Motion	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Chris DeFilippis		x				Amanda Gordon				x	
Christopher Gizzi				x		Erin Curtiss		x			
Daniel Glynn	1	x				Michael Gazaleh		x			
Andrea O’Connor		x				Jaime Marchand		x			
Maria Badali	2	x									

11.2 Resolved that the Board of Trustees approves offering the Elysian After Care Program when school is in session beginning April 12, 2021 through June 17, 2021 for Grades K-3 from 2:00 pm through 6:00 pm at the rate of \$20.00 per day per student.

Roll Call Vote Resolutions 11.2

Voting Members	Motion	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Chris DeFilippis		x				Amanda Gordon				x	
Christopher Gizzi				x		Erin Curtiss	1	x			
Daniel Glynn		x				Michael Gazaleh	2	x			
Andrea O’Connor		x				Jaime Marchand		x			
Maria Badali		x									

**12. New Business** Board Chair, Chris DeFilippis, reminded the community that he and Susan Grierson will be hosting a biweekly town hall (Wednesdays at noon) to give the community an opportunity to ask questions and hear about any updates happening within the school. Chris DeFilippis provided a brief update on the Jefferson PILOT program.

Roll Call Vote - Adjournment of Meeting of Tuesday, March 23, 2021 – Time: 7:00 PM

Voting Members	Motion	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Chris DeFilippis	1	x				Amanda Gordon				x	
Christopher Gizzi				x		Erin Curtiss		x			
Daniel Glynn	2	x				Michael Gazaleh		x			
Andrea O’Connor		x				Jaime Marchand		x			
Maria Badali		x									