

## MONTHLY MINUTES – Tuesday, October 26, 2021

A Public Session of the Elysian Charter School of Hoboken Board of Trustees will be held on Tuesday, October 26, 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	
Bernadette Pinto	School Business Administrator	X	
Ashley Choate	Faculty Representative	X	
Melissa Landera	Faculty Representative	X	

Motion for Elysian Charter Board of Trustees to accept the minutes from the Regular Meeting September 28, 2021

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									

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

### 3. Faculty Representative's Report

### 4. Presentation of Committee Report

Personnel Committee Report reported by Amanda Gordon - The Committee met and discussed motions as related to recess aides, approval of contracts, after hour rate for staff.

Community Outreach & Advocacy Committee presented by Eduardo Gonzalez - Discussed the importance of educating community members and families on the charter school and traditional public schools needs. In addition, we discussed

NJPCSA

Finance Committee reported by Daniel Glynn - Advised that Elysian received the ECF Funding Commitment Decision Letter for a total committed amount of \$138,814.80 and thanked the staff for their support in securing the additional funding.

Facilities & Athletic Committee - Michael Gazaleh

**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).*

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 September 28, 2021 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 September 15, 2021 in the amount of \$116,297.47.
- 6.2 Resolved that the Board of Trustees approves the Payroll Report of September 30, 2021 in the amount of \$83,290.86.
- 6.3 Resolved that the Board of Trustees approves the August Check Register from August 1, 2021 September 30, 2021 in the amount of \$583,497.30.
- 6.4 Resolved that the Board of Trustees approves the Board Secretary and Treasurer Reports for September 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	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 by the Board of Trustees approves Lenore Silver is hired as a part time Special Education Teacher for a an increase in hours to 24 hours a week not to exceed a total of 25 hours weekly at her current rate benefits of 6 sick days and 2 personal days and enrollment in the Defined Contribution Retirement Plan.
- 7.2 Resolved that the Board of Trustees approves Lakeisha Thomas as a School Aide for an annual salary of \$15,379.00 at her current rate benefits of 10 sick days and 4 personal days and enrollment in the Defined Contribution Retirement Plan.
- 7.3 Resolved that the Board of Trustees approves Shaquana Ferguson as a School Aide for an annual salary of \$16,562.00 at her current rate benefits of 10 sick days and 4 personal days and enrollment in the

Defined Contribution Retirement Plan.

- 7.4 Resolved that the Board of Trustees approves hiring Johnny Dyer as a Recess Aide for an annual salary of \$8,100.00 at his current rate benefits of 5 sick days and 1 personal days and enrollment in the Defined Contribution Retirement Plan.
- 7.5 Resolved that the Board of Trustees approves hiring Willie Sanchez as a Recess Aide beginning October 11, 2021 through June 30, 2022 for 3 hours per day at the rate of \$15.00 per hour and enrollment in the Defined Contribution Retirement Plan.
- 7.6 Resolved that the Board of Trustees approves Samantha Leone, teacher to receive a one time daily stipend at the rate of \$306.00 for her after hours work on the school schedule.
- 7.7 Resolved that the Board of Trustees approves instructional staff after hours daily rate at \$50.00 an hour for remote learning support during quarantine.
- 7.8 Resolved that the Board of Directors of Elysian Charter School approves Jessica Nieves as the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Leave Replacement Teacher at an annual salary of \$52,000.00 as a correction to the June 30, 2021 minutes.

Roll Call Vote Resolutions 7.1-7.8

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

**8. Governance/Policy:**

**9. Curriculum/Special Education:**

**10. Facilities:**

**11. Miscellaneous:**

- 11. 1 Resolved that the Board of Trustees approves the Dance With Derrick L.L.C., for dance services as per the attached revised service contract (See attached).

Roll Call Vote Resolution 11.1

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

**12. New Business:**

- 12.1 Resolved that the Board of Trustees has reviewed and hereby accepts the retirement notice of Diane DeSombre, School Nurse as of October 26, 2021.

Roll Call Vote Resolution 12.1

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

Adjournment into Executive Session - No Executive Session was held.

The Board of Trustees of the Elysian Charter School hereby adjourns to Closed Session in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq., for the reason(s) identified below. The minutes of the discussion during Executive Session will be available to the public when such minutes have been approved by the Board of Trustees pursuant to N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.1 and the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

**Adjournment of Meeting**

Roll Call Vote - Adjournment of Meeting of Tuesday, October 26, 2021 – Time: 7:20 PM.

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

Bernadette Pinto  
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary