

Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes Monday, March 27, 2023 – 6:30 PM

I. Call to Order by Board Chair – 6:34 PM

II. Public Notice of Meeting/NJ Sunshine Law

The New Jersey Public Meetings Law was enacted to ensure the right to the public to have advanced notice of and to attend the meetings of public bodies at which any business affecting their interest is discussed or acted upon in accordance with N.J.S.A 10:4-6 et seq. On the rules of this act, Elysian Charter School has caused notice of this meeting by publicizing the date, time and place, of the regularly scheduled meeting in the Public Notice Section of the Jersey Journal and posted on the Elysian Charter School website at www.ecsnj.org and at the Elysian Charter School located at 1460 Garden Street, Hoboken, NJ 07030. Formal action will take place at this meeting.

III. Roll Call

	Voting Members	Role	Present	Absent
1.	Amanda Gordon	Board Chair	X	
2.	Daniel Glynn	Board Trustee	X	
3.	Christopher Gizzi	Board Trustee	X	
4.	Chris DeFilippis	Board Trustee	Х	
5.	Jaime Marchand	Board Trustee	Х	
6.	Bernadette Reagan	Board Trustee	Х	
7.	Limor Faraguna	Board Trustee	Х	
8.	Eduardo Gonzalez	Non-voting Board Trustee	Х	
9.	Serena Trinkwalder	Non-voting Board Trustee	Х	

Also Present

Non-Voting	Role	Present	Absent
Susan Grierson	Director	Χ	
Dr. Brian Falkowski	School Business Administrator	Χ	
Melissa Landera	Faculty Representative	Х	

IV. Acceptance of Meeting Minutes

Motion for Elysian Charter School, Board of Trustees to accept the minutes from the **February 13, 2023** meeting.

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Amanda Gordon		Χ				Jaime Marchand	2	Χ			
Daniel Glynn		Χ				Bernadette Reagan		Χ			
Christopher Gizzi	1	Χ				Limor Faraguna		Х			
Chris DeFilippis		Χ									

V. Board Business

a. To reappoint Jamie Marchand as Board Trustee for an additional 3-year term.

- b. To appoint the following Non-Voting BOT Members for the term of March 2023 through March 2026:
 - 1. Eduardo Gonzalez
 - 2. Serena Trinkwalder

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Daniel Glynn		Χ				Bernadette Reagan	1	Χ			
Christopher Gizzi		Χ				Limor Faraguna	2	Χ			
Chris DeFilippis		Χ				_					-

VI. Reports

- 1. **Director's Report** Presented by Susan Grierson
- 2. Faculty Representative's Report Presented by Melissa Landera

VII. Committee Reports

- 1. **Personnel** Jamie Marchand spoke about the personnel motions up for approval on this BOT Agenda.
- 2. Advocacy Chris DeFilippis updated the Board.
- 3. Facilities N/A
- 4. Finance Brian Falkowski updated the Board on the FY24 Budget and FY23 Budget Status.
- 5. Nominating N/A
- VIII. Public Comment none
- IX. Adjourn Public Session and Open Closed Session none
- X. Adjourn Closed and Open Public Session
- XI. Motions for Approval
 - 1. Finance
 - a. <u>Board Secretary's and Treasurer's Report:</u> To approve the Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports for <u>February 2023</u>, as per the attached. Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:232.11(a), the Elysian Charter School of Hoboken 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 <u>February 2023</u>, no major account or fund has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:232.11(b), and that sufficient funds are available to meet the school's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.
 - b. Transfers: To approve line item transfers up to February 28, 2023.
 - c. Bills List: Approve Bills List from February 14, 2023.
 - d. Payroll: To approve the following payrolls:
 - February 15, 2023 \$ 139,862.54
 - February 28, 2023 \$ 138,730.27
 - March 15, 2023 \$ 136,783.40
 - e. <u>Budget:</u> To approve the FY24 Budget and its submission to the NJDOE.
 - f. SEMI:

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-5.3 provides that a charter school may request a

waiver of compliance with respect to the school's participation in the Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Program for the 2023-2024 school year; and

WHEREAS, the **Elysian Charter School** Board of Trustees desires to apply for this waiver due to the fact that it projects having fewer than 40 Medicaid eligible classified students in the 2023-2024 school year, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that **Elysian Charter School** Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the School Leader to submit to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools in the County of Hudson an appropriate waiver of the requirements of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-5.3 for the 2023-2024 school year.

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Daniel Glynn	1	Χ				Bernadette Reagan		Х			
Christopher Gizzi	2	Χ				Limor Faraguna		Х			
Chris DeFilippis		Х									

- 2. Contracts none
- 3. Buildings & Grounds none
- 4. Personnel
 - a. To approve the following resignation:
 - Marisa Bianchi, effective May 12, 2023
 - b. To approve the leave of absence of Cristina Francisco from May 8, 2023 to August 31, 2024.
 - c. To approve Success Maker Professional Development for Math Teachers 4-8 totaling \$1,800.

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Daniel Glynn		Χ				Bernadette Reagan		Χ			
Christopher Gizzi		Χ				Limor Faraguna		Χ			
Chris DeFilippis	2	Χ									

5. Curriculum/Special Education

a. To approve the following upcoming Field Trip for FY23

Trip	Grade	Costs & Transport	# of Students	Date of Trip	Educational Purpose
The Wildlife Conversation Center	2	\$987.50	16	4/18/2023	Bat Studies
Hoboken Historical Museum	1	\$75	16	4/18/2023	History
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Liberty Science Center	8	\$985	32	4/21/2023	Science
New York Stock Exchange	6	\$680	32	4/28/2023	Social Studies
Mile Square Theater	3	\$320	32	4/28/2023	Arts
Doyle Farms	2	\$1,735.09	33	5/4/2023	Nature
Museum + Disney Exhibition	6	\$1,116	31	5/12/2023	American Social studies
Resilience Adventures	3	\$160	16	5/31/2023	Biodiversity
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- b. To approve the contract with <u>Maulik Pancholy</u> to perform one presentation to the students on June 7, 2023 as attached, totaling a fee of \$1,000.
- c. To approve the additional work of Derrick Ladson, 8 hours at \$50/hr. totaling \$400, for 8th grade student music video and drumming ceremony for graduation.

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Daniel Glynn		Χ				Bernadette Reagan		Х			
Christopher Gizzi		Χ				Limor Faraguna		Х			
Chris DeFilippis		Χ									

6. Policy/Miscellaneous - none

XII. New Business - none

XIII. Closing Comments - none

XIV. Information - Next Board Meeting:

Day	Date	Time	Notes	
Monday	April 24, 2023	6:30 PM	Regular Meeting	

XV. Adjournment – 7:49 PM

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Amanda Gordon	2	Χ				Jaime Marchand		Χ			
Daniel Glynn		Χ				Bernadette Reagan		Χ			
Christopher Gizzi		Χ				Limor Faraguna		Χ			
Chris DeFilippis	1	Χ									

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