

# Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes Monday, May 22, 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 <a href="www.ecsnj.org">www.ecsnj.org</a> 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
a.	Amanda Gordon	Board Chair	Χ	
b.	Daniel Glynn	Board Trustee		Χ
c.	Christopher Gizzi	Board Trustee	Х	
d.	Chris DeFilippis	Board Trustee	Х	
e.	Jaime Marchand	Board Trustee	Χ	
f.	Bernadette Reagan	Board Trustee	Χ	
g.	Eduardo Gonzalez	Board Trustee	Χ	
h.	Serena Trinkwalder	Board Trustee	Х	
i.	Michael Gazaleh	Board Trustee	LATE 6:45	

#### Also Present

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

# IV. Acceptance of Meeting Minutes

Motion for Elysian Charter School, Board of Trustees to accept the minutes from the **May 1, 2023** meeting.

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Amanda Gordon		Χ				Jaime Marchand		Χ			
Daniel Glynn					Х	Bernadette Reagan	1	Χ			
Christopher Gizzi	2	Χ				Chris DeFilippis		Х			
Eduardo Gonzalez		Χ				Serena Trinkwalder		Х			

## V. Board Business

a. To appoint Michael Gazaleh as a Board Trustee for a 10-month term.

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Amanda Gordon	2	Χ				Jaime Marchand		Χ			
Daniel Glynn					Х	Bernadette Reagan		Х			
Christopher Gizzi		Χ				Chris DeFilippis	1	Х			
Eduardo Gonzalez		Χ				Serena Trinkwalder		Х			

#### VI. Oath of Office – Michael Gazaleh

## VII. Reports

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

# VIII. Committee Reports

- 1. Personnel Reported on by Jamie Marchand, reviewed the Personnel Motions
- 2. Advocacy Reported on by Chris DeFillippis, reported on PILOT funds
- 3. **Governance** Reported on by Chris DeFillippis, focused on Building Lease
- 4. **Facilities** Reported on by Eduardo Gonzelez, reported on communications hardware and also on Building and also support for the admin on the building.
- 5. **Finance** Christopher Gizzi and Brian Falkowski reported on the finance motions.
- 6. Nominating none

# Nominations for Treasurer – Christopher Gizzi

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Amanda Gordon	1	Χ				Jaime Marchand		Χ			
Daniel Glynn					Х	Bernadette Reagan		Х			
Christopher Gizzi		Χ				Chris DeFilippis	2	Х			
Eduardo Gonzalez		Χ				Serena Trinkwalder		Х			
Michael Gazaleh		Х									

#### **Nominations for Chair - Amanda Gordon**

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Amanda Gordon		Χ				Jaime Marchand		Χ			
Daniel Glynn					Х	Bernadette Reagan	2	Χ			
Christopher Gizzi		Χ				Chris DeFilippis	1	Χ			
Eduardo Gonzalez		Χ				Serena Trinkwalder		Χ			
Michael Gazaleh		Χ									

#### Nomination for Vice-Chair - Chris DeFilippis

<b>Voting Members</b>	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Amanda Gordon	1	Χ				Jaime Marchand		Χ			
Daniel Glynn					Х	Bernadette Reagan		Χ			
Christopher Gizzi	2	Χ				Chris DeFilippis		Χ			
Eduardo Gonzalez		Χ				Serena Trinkwalder		Χ			
Michael Gazaleh		Χ									

## IX. Public Comment

1. **Mona Sarafa-Auerbach** – Asked about the layout and construction for the full bathroom stalls and also various questions in regards to the gender neutral bathrooms.

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- X. Adjourn Public Session and Open Closed Session
- XI. Adjourn Closed and Open Public Session
- XII. 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>April 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>April 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 April 30, 2023.
- c. Bills List: Approve Bills List until May 22, 2023.
- d. Payroll: To approve the following payrolls:
  - April 28, 2023 \$ 135,695.78
  - May 15, 2023 \$ 139,722.30
- e. Annual Audit (ACFR): To accept the FY2022 ACFR and AMR and its submission to the NJDOE.
- f. <u>Grant</u>: To approve the acceptance of the Climate Awareness Education Grant in the amount of \$6,660.
- g. <u>Depository</u>: To approve J.P. Morgan Chase as a depository with the following signatories: Brian Falkowski, SBA and Amanda Gordon, Board President.

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Daniel Glynn					Х	Bernadette Reagan		Х			
Christopher Gizzi	1	Χ				Chris DeFilippis		Х			
Eduardo Gonzalez		Χ				Serena Trinkwalder	2	Х			
Michael Gazaleh		Х									

#### 2. Contracts - none

#### 3. Buildings & Grounds

- a. To approve the **D&B** proposal for HVAC services for a faulty AC compressor totaling \$13,250.
- b. To approve the contract with **Paramount Service Group** for nightly cleaning, 5 times per week, 3 crew members (3.5 hours a day), at a cost of \$250.40 per day, as per bid specifications (original bid dated 8/9/2022).

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Daniel Glynn					Х	Bernadette Reagan	2	Х			
Christopher Gizzi		Χ				Chris DeFilippis		Х			
Eduardo Gonzalez		Χ				Serena Trinkwalder		Х			
Michael Galazeh		Χ									

#### 4. Personnel

 To approve the contract for Diane Desombre as a Substitute Nurse, effective May 15, 2023 at a rate of \$286/per day.

- b. To approve **Abra Kessler's** corrected contracted salary for the 2023-2024 School Year, as attached.
- c. To approve the retirement of **Abra Kessler**, effective November 1, 2023.
- d. To approve the following staff being applied under federal grants for the 2022-2023 School Year:

Employee Name	Grant
Amanda Johnson	Title I
Shareza Mohammed	Title I
Odalys Pla	Title I

- e. To approve the following New Hire:
  - Batia Krinsky, Social Worker, 10-month, salary \$60,000 prorated effective May 17, 2023

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Daniel Glynn					Х	Bernadette Reagan		Х			
Christopher Gizzi		Χ				Chris DeFilippis	2	Х			
Eduardo Gonzalez		Χ				Serena Trinkwalder	1	Χ			
Michael Galazeh		Χ									

### 5. Curriculum/Special Education

- a. To approve the Summer Tutoring Program; one on one with students, four days a week, 1 hour slots; 5 Teachers at \$50/hour.
- b. To approve the following staff for the Summer Tutoring Program:
  - Ashley Choate
  - Alyssa Rosen
  - Angela Dunckley
  - Alexander Tedesco
  - Carolyn Yuhas

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Christopher Gizzi		Χ				Chris DeFilippis		Χ			
Eduardo Gonzalez		Χ				Serena Trinkwalder	1	Χ			
Michael Galazeh		Χ									

# 6. Policy/Miscellaneous

XIII. New Business - none

XIV. Closing Comments - none

XV. Information - Next Board Meeting:

Day	Date	Time	Notes	
Monday	June 12, 2023	6:30 PM	Regular Meeting	

# XVI. Adjournment - 7:29 PM

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Amanda Gordon	2	Χ				Jaime Marchand		Χ			
Daniel Glynn					Χ	Bernadette Reagan	1	Χ			
Christopher Gizzi		Χ				Chris DeFilippis		Χ			
Eduardo Gonzalez		Χ				Serena Trinkwalder		Χ			
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