

# Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes Monday, July 24, 2023 – 6:30 PM

## I. Call to Order by Board Chair – 6:32 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		X
b.	Daniel Glynn	Board Trustee	Х	
c.	Christopher Gizzi	Board Treasurer	Х	
d.	Chris DeFilippis	Board Vice Chair	Х	
e.	Jaime Marchand	Board Trustee	Х	
f.	Bernadette Reagan	Board Trustee	Х	
g.	Eduardo Gonzalez	Board Trustee	Х	
h.	Serena Trinkwalder	Board Trustee	Х	
i.	Michael Gazaleh	Board Trustee		LA – 6:36 PM

#### Also Present

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

## IV. Acceptance of Meeting Minutes

Motion for Elysian Charter School, Board of Trustees to accept the minutes from the **June 12, 2023** meeting.

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

#### V. Board Business - none

### VI. Reports

- 1. **Director's Report Presented by Susan Grierson**
- 2. **Faculty Representative's Report –** Melissa Landera wished all a great summer.

## VII. Committee Reports

- 1. **Personnel** Jaime Marchand updated the Board on being fully staffed and welcomed the new Director of Operations.
- 2. **Advocacy** Chris DeFilippis updated the Board on PILIOT funding that there will likely be a meeting with the Mayor in early August.
- 3. **Facilities** Eduardo Gonzalez organize a meeting with the building manager and will update the Board next meeting.
- 4. **Finance** No committee meeting.
- **VIII. Public Comment** Jamie Marchand spoke about the positive feedback on the summer camp. Serena Trinkwalder and Lynn Kluepfel both gave positive feedback.
- IX. Adjourn Public Session and Open Closed Session none
- X. Motions for Approval
  - 1. Finance
    - a. Transfers: To approve line-item transfers up to June 30, 2023.
    - b. Bills List: Approve Bills List until July 24, 2023.
    - c. <u>Payroll</u>: To approve the following payrolls:
      - June 15, 2023 \$ 144,729.65
      - June 30, 2023 \$ 135,536.55
      - July 14, 2023 \$ 18,760.83
    - d. <u>Bid</u>: To reject the cleaning bids received on June 27, 2023 due to specification changes; updated bid being released accordingly.

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

- 2. Contracts none
- 3. Buildings & Grounds
  - a. To approve **SJZ Painting & Home** to install new classroom doors and new bathroom locks at a cost of \$7,500.

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Christopher Gizzi		Х				Chris DeFilippis		Х			
Eduardo Gonzalez	2	Х				Serena Trinkwalder		Х			
Michael Gazaleh		Х						•			

### 4. Personnel

- a. To approve the following new hires for FY24:
  - Ashley DePascale-Lore, 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Language Arts Teacher, salary \$57,500, 10-month, effective September 1, 2023
  - **Sophia Traficante**, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher, salary \$53,000, 10-month, effective September 1, 2023
- b. To approve Ashley DePascale-Lore for additional curriculum work, \$25/hour, 5 hours total.
- c. To approve Susan Grierson for a merit bonus at \$5,000 and an additional \$4,000 for Exemplary Performance.
- d. To ratify **Suzanne Heyman**, Director of Operations, salary \$100,000, 12-month, effective July 5<sup>th</sup> 2023.

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

#### 5. Curriculum/Special Education

- a. To approve the quote with **Frontline** for an add-on service of 504 Program Management for FY24, \$2,405.14.
- b. To approve the contract with **Dance with Derrick LLC** for FY24, as attached, total \$43,299.
- c. To approve the quote with **Acadience Online Learning**, screening assessment program at a cost of \$4,123.35.
- d. To approve the 5-year quote for **Math Envision + Success Maker** professional and student development software at a total cost of \$53,876; \$10,775/year.

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Christopher Gizzi		Х				Chris DeFilippis	1	Х			
Eduardo Gonzalez		Х				Serena Trinkwalder	2	Х			
Michael Gazaleh		Х									

#### 6. Policy/Miscellaneous

- a. To approve the submission of the 2022-2023 Annual Report to the NJDOE, as attached.
- b. To approve the *Local Education Agency Emergency Virtual Program* for the 2023-2024 school year.

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Christopher Gizzi		Χ				Chris DeFilippis		Χ			
Eduardo Gonzalez		Χ				Serena Trinkwalder		Χ			
Michael Gazaleh	2	Χ									

#### XI. New Business

a. To approve the contract with **Membean** for individualized student vocabulary development (Grades 6-8) subscription for FY24 totaling \$1,782.

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b. To approve the revised *Elysian Employee Handbook*, as attached.

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Eduardo Gonzalez		Χ				Serena Trinkwalder		Х			
Michael Gazaleh		Х									

- **XII.** Closing Comments Chris DeFilippis thanked the Committees for all their hard work behind the scenes to ensure a smooth Board Meeting.
- XIII. Information Next Board Meeting:

Day	Date	Time	Notes
Monday	August 28, 2023	6:30 PM	Regular Meeting

## XIV. Adjournment – 7:04 PM

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

Location: 1460 Garden Street Hoboken, NJ 07030