

- 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 [www.ecsnj.org](http://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
a. Amanda Gordon	Board Chair	X	
b. Daniel Glynn	Board Trustee	X	
c. Christopher Gizzi	Board Treasurer	X	
d. Chris DeFilippis	Board Vice Chair	ED – 7:10 PM	
e. Jaime Marchand	Board Trustee		X
f. Bernadette Reagan	Board Trustee	X	
g. Eduardo Gonzalez	Board Trustee	X	
h. Serena Trinkwalder	Board Trustee	X	
i. Michael Gazaleh	Board Trustee	X	

Also Present

Non-Voting	Role	Present	Absent
Susan Grierson	Director	X	
Dr. Brian Falkowski	School Business Administrator	X	
Monica Richard	Staff Representative	X	

IV. Acceptance of Meeting Minutes

- 1. Motion for Elysian Charter School, Board of Trustees to accept the minutes from the **September 18, 2023** meeting.

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

V. Board Business

VI. Reports

- 1. **Director’s Report** – Presented by Suan Grierson

- a. Presentation: NJSLA Scores

2. **Faculty Representative’s Report – Monica Richard introduced herself and spoke about upcoming field trips.**

**VII. Committee Reports**

- 1. **Personnel** – Amanda Gordon reported and spoke about retirements, new hires and the personnel motions on the agenda.
- 2. **Advocacy** – Chris DeFilippis spoke about PILOT funding and his progress with elected officials to set up a meeting with all Hoboken Districts. Also, Open House/Fair was attended.
- 3. **Facilities** – Eduardo Gonzalez spoke about meeting with the building manager and the steps to address issues.
- 4. **Athletics** – Serena Twinkwalder spoke about the new Charter School Athletic League membership and updated the Board on the new teams to be created.
- 5. **Finance** – Brian Falkowski spoke about BvA, Auditor and staffing costs.

**VIII. Public Comment - none**

**IX. Adjourn Public Session and Open Closed Session - none**

**X. Motions for Approval**

- 1. **Finance**
  - a. Board Secretary’s and Treasurer’s Report: To approve the Secretary’s and Treasurer’s Reports for **September 2023**, 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 **September 2023**, 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 September 30, 2023.
  - c. Bills List: Approve Bills List until October 23, 2023.
  - d. Payroll: To approve the following payrolls:
    - September 29 - \$160,313.32
    - October 13 - \$ 153,301.40

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

- 2. **Contracts - none**
- 3. **Buildings & Grounds**
- 4. **Personnel**
  - a. To rescind **Gail Prusslin** retirement date of January 1, 2024 and approve the new retirement date of November 1, 2023.
  - b. To approve the 10-month contract with **Gabriella Rodriguez**, titled Substitute Teacher, salary \$30,000, effective November 1, 2023.
  - c. To ratify the contract with **Susan Grierson** as Director, \$150,000 effective July 1, 2023.

d. To approve/ratify afterschool tutoring, 2 times per week at \$50 per hour, effective October 16, 2023 for the following staff members:

- Yuhas, Carolyn
- Richard, Monica
- Rosen, Alyssa
- Kluepfel, Lynn
- Silver, Lenore

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

**5. Curriculum/Special Education**

- a. To approve the consulting contract with **WeeCare Therapy Services** for Child Study Team evaluations, Occupational Therapy, etc. as attached for FY24; at a rate of \$100/hour for general services, \$400/per evaluation.
- b. To approve the following upcoming field trips.

TRIP LOCATION	GRADE	DATE OF TRIP	EDUCATIONAL PURPOSE	COST
Brooklyn Museum	7/8	11/15/2023	Art	Destination Cost \$94.24 + TBD
Doyles Farm	2	11/03/2023	Nature	Destination Cost \$986.28
Liberty Science Center	5	11/02/2023	Science	Destination Cost \$760 + Light Rail \$598
Morgan Library	6	11/02/2023	Arts/Language	Destination Cost \$0 + Bus
Morgan Library	6	11/09/2023	Arts/Language	Destination Cost \$0 + Bus
City Center Alvin Ailey	6	12/07/2023	Arts	Destination Cost @200 + Bus TBD

- c. To approve the consulting contract with **D.W. Putt Educational Services LLC**, for the following Educational Evaluation Services for FY24;
- Psychoeducational Evaluation & Written Report - \$1,000
  - Educational Evaluation & Written Report - \$500
  - Hourly Consultation & Meeting Attendance - \$100

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

**6. Policy/Governance/Miscellaneous**

- a. To approve **Olugbenga Olabintan**, CPA to Audit FY23 in the amount of \$32,500.

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

**XI. New Business - none**

**XII. Closing Comments - none**

**XIII. Information - Next Board Meeting:**

Day	Date	Time	Notes
Monday	November 27, 2023	6:30 PM	Regular Meeting

**XIV. Adjournment – 7:27 PM**

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