

**FOLK ARTS-CULTURAL TREASURES CHARTER SCHOOL
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

Wednesday, January 17, 2024, 6:30 p.m.
1023 Callowhill Street, Philadelphia, PA

MINUTES

Board Members Present: Leana Cabral, Xu Lin, Neeta Patel, Alan Phan, Allaire Wohlgemuth, Thierry Saintine, Pooja Agarwal, Jeff Koung, Alison Lin, Nancy Nguyen

Board Members Absent: N/A

Staff Members Present: Ellen Somekawa, Pheng Lim

Members of the Public Present: Abeer Al Hayek, Amina Kiwan, Justin Dorsey
(interpreter)

I. Call to Order: 6:33PM Thierry Saintine

II. Public Comment

Discussion: Abeer Al Hayek, Amina Kiwan attended. Justin Dorsey was also there for translation/interpretation purposes. The structure of the hearing was shared with the family.

III. Executive Session

Discussing agency business which, if conducted in public, would violate a lawful privilege or lead to the disclosure of information or confidentiality protected by law

IV. Return to Public Session

V. Board Action

Discussion: The FACTS Board agrees that the transportation needs of FACTS families are not being met by the School District of Philadelphia, and thus the FACTS Board recommends the creation of a committee focused on advocating for more transportation support from the School District of Philadelphia.

BE IT RESOLVED The FACTS Board affirms the school administration's decision related to the transportation accommodation request by the requesting FACTS family.

Moved: Pooja Agarwal

Seconded: Xu Lin

Voted Yes: Leana Cabral, Xu Lin, Neeta Patel, Alan Phan, Thierry Saintine, Pooja Agarwal, Jeff Koung, Alison Lin, Nancy Nguyen

Abstained: Allaire Wohlgemuth

VI. Principal's Report Tabled until the February Meeting Pheng Lim
Discussion:

Executive Director's Report Ellen Somekawa

Discussion: Presented the new grant. Reviewed the statement that will go out to staff and families about current events.

VII. Approval of the Minutes

1. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Folk Arts-Cultural Treasures Charter School approves the Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes of December 20, 2023.

Discussion: N/A

Moved: Allaire Wohlgemuth

Seconded: Neeta Patel

Voted Yes: Leana Cabral, Xu Lin, Neeta Patel, Alan Phan, Allaire Wohlgemuth, Thierry Saintine, Pooja Agarwal, Jeff Koung, Alison Lin

Abstained: Nancy Nguyen

VIII. Finance Report

Presentation

Neeta Patel

Discussion N/A

2. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Folk Arts-Cultural Treasures Charter School approves the Financial Statements for the period ending December 31, 2023

Moved: Alan Phan

Seconded: Neeta Patel

Voted Yes: Leana Cabral, Xu Lin, Neeta Patel, Alan Phan, Allaire Wohlgemuth, Thierry Saintine, Pooja Agarwal, Jeff Koung, Alison Lin, Nancy Nguyen

Abstained: N/A

IX. Approval of the 990 Tabled until the February Meeting

Presentation

David Brown

The Board's Responsibility in Approval of the 990

Discussion

3. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Folk Arts-Cultural Treasures Charter School approves the submission of the Form 990 for the year ending June 30, 2023.

X. Revision to the Parent and Student Complaint Procedures

4. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Folk Arts-Cultural Treasures Charter School approves the revision of the Parent and Student Complaint Procedures contained in the Parent Handbook.

Discussion: N/A

Moved: Neeta Patel

Seconded: Xu Lin

Voted Yes: Leana Cabral, Xu Lin, Neeta Patel, Alan Phan, Allaire Wohlgemuth,
Thierry Saintine, Pooja Agarwal, Jeff Koung, Alison Lin, Nancy Nguyen
Abstained: N/A

XI. Executive Session

Considering the purchase or lease of real property and also collective bargaining updates.

XII. Return to Public Session

XIII. Committee Reports

- Development Committee:
- Nominations Committee: N/A
- Policy Committee: N/A

XIV. Other Action Items N/A

[possible addition of spending and hiring resolutions]

XV. Adjournment 9:40PM

Moved: Allaire Wohlgemuth

Seconded: Leana Cabral

Voted Yes: Leana Cabral, Xu Lin, Neeta Patel, Alan Phan, Allaire Wohlgemuth,
Thierry Saintine, Pooja Agarwal, Jeff Koung, Alison Lin, Nancy Nguyen

Abstained: N/A