

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

Wednesday, December 18, 2024, 6:30 p.m.

[on zoom](#)

MEETING MINUTES

Board Members Present: Xu Lin, Neeta Patel, Thierry Saintine, Nancy Nguyen, Jeff Koung, Alan Phan, Leana Cabral, Pooja Agarwal (arrived at 6:51pm), Allaire Wohlgemuth, Alison Lin (left at 9:00pm), Frank Chism

Board Members Absent:

Staff Members Present: Pheng Lim, Ellen Somekawa, David Brown (arrived at ?)

Members of the Public Present:

I. Call to Order Time: 6:36pm Thierry Saintine

II. Public Comment
Discussion: n/a

III. Swearing in of Frank Chism Thierry Saintine

"I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support, obey and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of this Commonwealth, and that I will discharge the duties of my office with fidelity."

IV. Executive Director's Report Ellen Somekawa
Discussion: Charter school administrative structures are very different.

V. 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 November 20, 2024.

Moved: Nancy Nguyen

Seconded: Pooja Agarwal

Voted Yes: Xu Lin, Neeta Patel, Allaire Wohlgemuth, Leana Cabral, Pooja Agarwal, Nancy Nguyen, Jeff Koung

Abstained: Alison Lin, Frank Chism

VI. Executive Session Time: 7:04pm

- Holding an information, strategy and negotiation session related to the negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement;
- Discussing Personnel Matters;
- 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;

VIII. Return to Public Session Time: 8:30pm

IX. Finance Report

Presentation

Neeta Patel

2. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Folk Arts-Cultural Treasures Charter School approves the November 30, 2024 Financial Statements.

Discussion: The increase in the per pupil allotment based on new special education designations is for the 24-25 school year. The fundraising line on the expenditures refers to the new fundraising consultant that we've hired. We have switched that role to be an independent contractor to better reflect the nature of the position.

Moved: Leana Cabral

Seconded: Alan Phan

Voted Yes: Xu Lin, Neeta Patel, Allaire Wohlgemuth, Leana Cabral, Pooja Agarwal, Nancy Nguyen, Jeff Koung, Alison Lin, Frank Chism

Abstained: n/a

X. Draft 2024-25 Budget Revision

David Brown

Presentation of draft revised budget for approval at the January meeting.

Discussion: How could the incoming president affect our budget? Hard to know as of right now.

XI. Transfer of Funds to the Building Reserve

3. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Folk Arts-Cultural Treasures Charter School approves the transfer of \$250,000 from the WSFS general operating bank account to the Asian Bank Building Expansion Reserve account.

Discussion: n/a

Moved: Allaire Wohlgemuth

Seconded: Frank Chism

Voted Yes: Xu Lin, Neeta Patel, Allaire Wohlgemuth, Leana Cabral, Pooja Agarwal, Nancy Nguyen, Jeff Koung, Frank Chism

Abstained: n/a

XII. Committee Reports

- Development Committee: Discussion: n/a
- Nominations Committee: Discussion: n/a
- Policy Committee: Discussion: n/a
- Restorative Justice Committee: This committee will form in the new year. Leana will chair

XIII. Other Action Items

n/a

XIV. Adjournment Time: 9:20pm

Moved: Alan Phan

Seconded: Xu Lin

Voted Yes: Xu Lin, Neeta Patel, Allaire Wohlgemuth, Leana Cabral, Pooja
Agarwal, Nancy Nguyen, Jeff Koung, Frank Chism

Abstained: n/a