

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

Wednesday, January 21, 2026, 6:30 p.m.

In person at FACTS: 1023 Callowhill Street/Philadelphia, PA 19123

DRAFT AGENDA

- I. **Call to Order** Thierry Elin-Saintine
- II. **Introduction of Prospective Board Member** [10 minutes]
Presentation by the Nominations Committee Xu Lin
 - Debi Nhu TranSelf Introductions: Board Members, Staff Present and Prospective Board Member
Questions
- III. **Public Comment** [5 minutes]
[Brief introductions of members of the public who are present]
- IV. **Presentation on School Culture, Climate and Discipline** [30 minutes]
Presentation Pheng Lim & Jade Zhao

Discussion
- V. **New Facility Updates** [signing in at 7:30 pm: 20 minutes]
Presentation Building Hope
Discussion
- VI. **Expansion Budget** (15 minutes)
Presentation David Brown
- VII. **Principal's Report** [3 minutes] Pheng Lim
Executive Director's Report [2 minutes] Ellen Somekawa

Questions and Discussion [2 minutes]
- VIII. **Approval of the Minutes** [5 minutes]

1. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Folk Arts-Cultural Treasures Charter School approves the Minutes of the December 17, 2025 Board Meeting.
- IX. **Approval of the Financial Statements** [5 minutes]
Presentation Neeta Patel

2. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Folk Arts-Cultural Treasures Charter School approves the December 31, 2025 Financial Statements.

X. Approval of the School Calendar (10 minutes)

Presentation

Ellen Somekawa

3. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Folk Arts-Cultural Treasures Charter School approves the 2026-27 School Calendar.

XI. [Board Calendar 2026-27](#) (5 minutes)

Presentation

Feedback

XII. Other Committee Reports [15 minutes]

Development Committee

Search Committee

Executive Committee

- Board Commitment Forms for 2026-27

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Thierry Elin-Saintine

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Nominations Committee

Nomination of Debi Tran

Xu Lin

4. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Folk Arts-Cultural Treasures Charter School appoints Debi Tran to a three year term as a member of the FACTS Board of Trustees.

XIII. Other Action Items [5 minutes]

[possible spending and hiring resolutions]

XIV. Adjournment