

# Renaissance Charter High School for Innovation Agenda for Meeting of the Board of Trustees April 30th, 2012 410 East 100<sup>th</sup> Street, New York, NY 10029

Agenda:

- 1. Roll Call
- 2. Review of March Board Minutes
- 3. Committee mission and work plan
- 4. Revision of Board Meeting Calendar
- 5. Budget Review
- 6. Audit Committee Update
- 7. Development Update
- 8. Governance Update



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- 1. Roll Call
- 2. Review Board Minutes from February Meeting
- 3. Sustainable Careers Initiative
- 4. Discussion of Board Candidate
- 5. Public Comments
- 1. Roll Call

Stacey Gauthier, Leanne Sajor, Sona Karia, Frank Saia and Nicholas Tishuk were present at the Board meeting.

## 2. Review Board Minutes from February Meeting

Mr. Saia made changes to the minutes to say, "Mr. Falla-Riff presented on the importance of an audit committee and advised Innovation to form one for the Board." Mr. Tishuk moved to approve, Mr. Saia seconded and the minutes were approved with the unanimous consent of the board.

## 3. Sustainable Careers Program

Mr. Tishuk explained that Innovation HS is building out a Sustainable Careers program with the leadership of a newly hired staff member, Stephen Ritz. This is inspired by multiple pathways model that provides career and technical skills training as well as college bound programming. Mr. Tishuk explained some of the possible certifications that Innovation students can receive through on-site training, which includes LEED certification to build green roofs for new buildings. Ten students will pilot the sustainable careers program with Mr. Ritz and it will be started in the Spring.

#### 4. Discussion of Board Candidate

Ms. Sajor motioned to discuss the candidacy of Board Candidate George Sarkissian. She shared, as head of the Board Development committee, that Mr. Sarkissian had completed all the required steps for candidacy and that the meeting was the appropriate time to discuss his candidacy. Ms. Gauthier motioned that the Board have this discussion in Executive Session, as the topic requires the review of a resume and qualifications of a potential Board member. This was seconded by Mr. Saia.

## 5. Executive Session.

The Board went on executive session for this portion of the agenda.

## 6. Continuation of Discussion of Board Candidate

Following a discussion of Mr. Sarkissian's qualifications, including his work in the non-profit sector and his work in East Harlem, Ms. Sajor made a motion that Mr. Sarkissian be accepted to the Board of Trustees. Mr. Saia seconded and this motion was unanimously approved.

Trustees discussed a review of the Board process for onboarding new members. Ms. Gauthier proposed that additional new Board members include an additional full board interview beyond the interviews with the Board Development Committee and school Principal, as a part of the process. Mr. Tishuk seconded and the Board approved this motion unanimously.

## 7. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

## 5. Adjournment

Mr. Saia motioned to adjourn and Ms. Gauthier seconded. The meeting was concluded with the unanimous agreement of the vote.