



**Renaissance Charter High School for Innovation  
Minutes for Meeting of the Board of Trustees  
September 30, 2013  
410 East 100<sup>th</sup> Street, New York, NY 10029**

**Agenda:**

**1. Roll Call**

Frank Saia called the meeting to order. Leanne Sajor, George Sarkissian, Kiran Rao, Sona Karia, Ivan Fraser and Nicholas Tishuk were present. Also present were Stephen Falla Riff, Innovation's Director of Operations and Legal Counsel, as well as Rita Tishuk, Director of Development and Communications.

**2. Filing of Notice of Meeting**

In accordance with the law, a notice of the meeting was published on the school's website, sent via fax to the New York Times newspaper and also posted publicly at M99 School Building where Innovation HS is located at 410 East 100<sup>th</sup> Street New York, NY 10029.

**3. Review of July 29<sup>th</sup> Board Minutes and August 26<sup>th</sup> Board Minutes**

The Board reviewed the minutes from both meetings. Mr. Rao pointed out textual revisions including his presence for the August meeting, which was not captured in the roll call. Mr. Saia motioned to approve the minutes from both meetings, Mr. Sarkissian seconded and the Board of Trustees approved the minutes for August 26<sup>th</sup> and July 29<sup>th</sup>.

**4. CTE Diploma: Brief Update and Review**

Mr. Tishuk gave a brief update of the Career and Technical Education Diploma for Innovation. He explained that no other charter school has done this before. Mr. Tishuk and his team, with the help of Mr. Sarkissian, are reaching out to supporters in the tech industry with meetings scheduled with Gates Foundation and Saunders Trade and Technical School in Yonkers, New York, which has a model CTE program with a similar population of students as Innovation. Mr. Tishuk has signed the action for the CTE diploma in his capacity as Principal and Mr. Saia, chairman of the board, has signed it as well.

**5. Review of Tanya Fraley's Candidacy on the Board of Trustees**

Ms. Fraley was unable to attend the Board meeting due to work commitments. Board members have reached out but were not able to speak to her. Ms. Karia, Mr. Rao and Mr. Sarkissian volunteered to

interview her before the next meeting. Ms. Sajor brought up her impending resignation from the Board and a succession plan for her role as Secretary. After some discussion, Mr. Rao has volunteered to be the interim board secretary.

**6. Executive Session: Personnel Matter and Discussion of Board Retreat**

Mr. Fraser motioned to go into executive session, Mr. Sarkissian seconded. Minutes taken at an executive session are private, pursuant to the Open Meetings Law. Mr. Saia motioned to get out of the executive session. Mr. Sarkissian seconded. The executive session was concluded and the Board returned to the regular session.

**7. Other Business**

There was no other business.

**8. Adjournment**

Mr. Fraser motioned to adjourn, Mr. Sarkissian seconded, the motion carried unanimously, and the meeting was concluded.