



**Renaissance Charter High School for Innovation  
Meeting of the Board of Trustees  
February 13th, 2018, 6:00 pm  
410 East 100th Street, 3rd Floor New York, NY 10029**

**Meeting Minutes**

**1. Roll call**

Chairperson George Sarkissian called the meeting to order. Board members Sona Karia, Eboni Kirkland, Latoya Massey and Jared Mcshall were present in person, constituting a quorum for the purpose of conducting business. In addition, present were Stephen Falla Riff (Executive Director), Ira Yasbin (Assistant Principal), Jason Forde (Development & External Affairs Manager), and Innovation staff members William Crowell, Danielle Martin, Yusef Abdul-Sabur, Tereena Somayya and Maria Modesto and , Columbia Law School Professor, Mary Zulack with her latest cohort of Law School Students.

**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 email to the New York Times and posted publicly at the M99 School Building, where Innovation High School is located, at 410 East 100th Street New York, New York, 10029.

**3. Review and Approval of Prior Board Meeting Minutes (5 minutes/Chair)**

After the Board reviewed the minutes from the 1/23/18 meeting of the Board, Mr. Sarkissian requested minor revisions to be made and a motion to approve minutes was made, seconded and unanimously passed.

**4. Introduction of Columbia Law Schools (10 minutes/Columbia Law School)**

Ms. Zulack introduced this semester's cohort of Columbia Law School Students and will be scheduling a meeting with Mr. Falla Riff to determine this semester's law project.

**5. CCR Overview (15 minutes/ CCR Chair)**

CCR Department Chair, Ms. Somayya and 12th Grade CCR Teacher, Ms. Modesto reviewed CCR program and objectives with the Board and described the college and work readiness programming being implemented at Innovation. The following 2 initiatives were started this year in the CCR Department:

1. Work Readiness Program - professional development programming. Mentioned increased need to build partnerships to connect students to employment opportunities. explained work readiness.
2. Alumni Support - Created to help Innovation graduates to transition Innovation graduates into college and career pathways.

The Board ask questions regarding the challenges in getting students to successfully enroll into college after getting college acceptances. Ms. Somayya and Ms. Modesto articulated the financial challenges and Discussed disconnect between high college acceptance numbers but significantly lower enrollment numbers.

#### **6. Regents Review (20 minutes/ Principal)**

Principal Joseph reviewed sample student transcript with the Board to illustrate scheduling, credits and regents needs for students. Principal Joseph work with the Board to help identify potential scheduling and progress monitoring solutions for this case study to provide the Board additional context with nuances of preparing students to take Regents exams. Regents data was then presented to the Board regarding the results of the January testing.

#### **7. Charter Renewal Process & Data Dashboard (20 minutes/ Chair & ED)**

Mr. Falla Riff gave an update on the Charter Renewal process to date. A school visit by the SED and the Chancellor will be scheduled. Based on DOE Authorizer feedback, an Academic Data Dashboard should be created for the Board to be able to review the academic progress of the school on a frequent basis. A meeting will be scheduled with Mr. Sarkissian, Ms. Massey, Principal Joseph and Mr. Falla Riff to define the type of data will be reviewed by the Board on a monthly and quarterly basis.

#### **8. Board Retreat Planning (10 minutes/ED & DEAM)**

Mr. Falla Riff and Mr. Forde announced they are in the process of identifying the appropriate facilitator and will determine the potential dates for the Retreat.

#### **9. Other New Business**

None

#### **10. Public Speaking**

None

#### **11. Adjournment**

Mr. Sarkissian made a motion to adjourn, Ms. Kirkland seconded, the motion passed unanimously and the meeting was concluded.