



Meeting of the Public Prep Academies Trustees
Location: Girls Prep Lower East Side Elementary
12/7/22 at 10:00AM - 12:00PM

ATTENDEES

Public Prep Academies:

- Boykin Curry (virtual)
- Juan Mejia
- Khairah Klein
- Nicole Greene
- Paul Vermynen
- Samuel Greene (virtual)
- Tamara Zachery (virtual)

Public Prep Network:

- Emilee Christopher
- Janelle Bradshaw
- Jeannemarie Hendershot
- Jenny Zambrano
- Jessica Strong
- Josie Carbone
- Katrina Liebst
- Keisha Morris
- Michael Burgevin
- Philip Deng
- Samantha Diaz

Other Attendees:

- Bryan Lawrence
- Mark Diker
- Phil Brandes

MINUTES

Executive Session

The PPA Trustees met with the CEO in executive session from 10:00AM-10:15AM.

Call to Order

The public meeting was called to order by Nicole Greene at 10:15AM. Khairah Klein seconded the motion. Janelle Bradshaw provided an overview of the agenda and took attendance. A quorum was present.

Votes (Taken)

- 1. Resolution to call the meeting of the Public Prep Academies Board of Trustees to Order.***



- a. Motioned: Nicole Greene
 - b. Seconded: Khairah Klein
 - c. Opposed: None
- 2. Resolution to approve the board minutes for the meeting of the Public Prep Academies Board of Trustees on October 26, 2022.**
- a. Motioned: Nicole Greene
 - b. Seconded: Paul Vermylen
 - c. Opposed: None
- 3. Resolution to approve the 22-23 NYSED District Wide Safety Plan for PPA, an annual compliance requirement.**
- a. Motioned: Nicole Greene
 - b. Seconded: Juan Mejia
 - c. Opposed: None
- 4. Resolution to approve revisions to the PPA discipline policy**
- a. Motioned: Nicole Greene
 - b. Seconded: Juan Mejia
 - c. Opposed: None
- 5. Resolution to reduce chartered enrollment of GPLES from 600 to 250, Grades 1-8 for the 23-24 school year.**
- a. Motioned: Nicole Greene
 - b. Seconded: Juan Mejia
 - c. In Favor: Juan Mejia, Nicole Greene, Khairah Klein, Tamara Zachery, Paul Vermylen
 - d. Opposed: Sam Greene, Boykin Curry
- 6. Resolution to move to Executive Session of the Public Prep Academies Board of Trustees and Friends of Girls Prep.**
- a. Motioned: Juan Mejia
 - b. Seconded: Nicole Greene
 - c. Opposed: None
- 7. Resolution to adjourn the meeting of the Public Prep Academies Board of Trustees and Friends of Girls Prep following Executive Session.**
- a. Motioned: Nicole Greene
 - b. Seconded: Boykin Curry
 - c. Opposed: None

Meeting Agenda

- Executive Session
- Votes
- The Next 5 Years
- Finance Audit Update
- Operations Update
- Academic Update
- Talent Update
- Board and Committee Updates



Minutes

The meeting began in Executive Session with the PPA Trustees and the CEO of Public Prep. At 10:15AM, the public meeting was called to order. The Chief Executive Officer, explained that the Finance, Operations, Talent and Academic teams provided written updates that would not be discussed during this meeting due to time.

The meeting turned to votes that needed to be taken to ensure smooth operations of all Public Prep Academies. A brief summary of the Public Prep Academies votes to be taken regarding legal and compliance matters was provided by the Chief Executive Officer. It was noted that a decision on reducing the chartered enrollment for GPLES from 600 to 250 for Grades 1-8 would need to be rendered along with a consensus on the timeline of that process.

Votes were taken with the exception of the resolution to reduce chartered enrollment for GPLES from 600 to 250 for Grades 1-8 for the year 2023 to 2024. It was disclosed that the aforementioned vote would be taken following a board discussion.

The Chief Executive Officer provided a report on the state of enrollment at Girls Prep Lower East Side (GPLES) and disclosed the enrollment projections for GPLES for FY 23-24. The Friends of Girls Prep Chair, Chief Executive Officer, and Chief Operating Officer went into a discussion on the enrollment projection numbers and enrollment scenarios for GPLES.

The Chief Executive Officer raised the question to the board of trustees about consolidating the Girls Prep Lower East Side Elementary campus and Girls Prep Lower East Side Middle campus. The board of trustees discussed the potential financial, academic, and operational implications of consolidation and the potential timelines.

The board held a conversation about the impact of this proposal on students, families and teachers. The board also discussed how to communicate about this topic to families and teachers.

Based on a fulsome discussion of all the above, a vote was taken on whether or not chartered enrollment for GPLES would be reduced from 600 to 250 for grades 1 through 8 for the 2023 to 2024 fiscal year. A motion was passed to reduce chartered enrollment for GPLES to 250 for 2023 to 2024 with the majority count being 5 and the opposed account being 2.

The board went into executive session without members of Public Prep Network present.

Executive Session

Juan Mejia motioned to enter executive session to discuss personnel matters consistent with the Open Meeting Law at 11:30AM. Nicole Greene seconded the motion.

Adjournment

Nicole Greene motioned to adjourn the meeting at 12:00PM. Boykin Curry seconded the motion.