



ACADEMY FOR URBAN LEADERSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING AGENDA
VIRTUAL MEETING on ZOOM
Wednesday, January 26, 2022
6:30 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

In accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq., notice of this meeting has been publicized by having the date, time and location of the meeting posted at the school, on the school website and advertised in the Home News Tribune which has been designated as the Board's official newspaper within the legal time required. Time will be allotted for public comment at this meeting.

II. FLAG SALUTE

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible with liberty and justice for all.

III. MISSION STATEMENT

To employ an educational design and experience that merges the highest standards of academic excellence while fostering convictions and commitment to social and economic justice. The school acknowledges that both family and community involvement are integral to the student's academic achievement level, and will focus on fostering strong relationships between the school, family and community. Through these partnerships, the school will strive to create a nurturing environment by providing each student with the five resources deemed necessary for healthy child development by the President's Summit for America's Future. These include: a one-on-one relationship with a caring adult, a safe place to learn and grow, a healthy start, a marketable skill through effective education, and a chance to give back to peers and the community.

In order to provide a quality education, the curriculum offered will involve rigorous academics with a holistic approach to education. Special emphasis will be placed on service learning and espousing the importance of civic and social responsibility. The development of character, leadership skills, conflict resolution abilities, and community responsibility will be stressed to provide the students with the necessary tools to become contributing members of a democratic society.

IV. ROLL CALL

Board Members:

Lisette Vilanova (President)
Joshua Bishop-Mbachu (Vice President)
Angelo Abreu (Corporate Secretary)

Elba Ceballo
Eloisa Hernandez
Joshua Lisojo
Michelle Roman
Stephanie Pabon

Additional Attendees:

Dr. Mario C. Barbieri (Interim Lead Person)
Dr. Elizabeth Duran Swinford (Principal)
Peter Salek-Nejad (Director of Special Programs)
April Gardner (Dean of Academics)
Gail Long (BA/Board Secretary)
Patricia Bombelyn (Board Attorney)

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Move that the Board of Trustees approve the regular meeting minutes from October 27, 2021.

VI. CORRESPONDENCE

VII. PRESENTATIONS

- Nora Galleros of Galleros Robinson LLP will give an audit presentation for sye 6/30/21
- Dr. Swinford & Ms. Gardner will present Start Strong (approximately 15 minutes)
- Dr. Barbieri will present overview of Road to Recovery

VIII. RECOGNITION -

Dr. Swinford will recognize staff

IX. REPRESENTATIVES (5 minutes each)

- Parent Carolina Bermudez
- Student: Adriel Fernandez
- Teacher: Mr. Syed

X. LEAD REPORT

**Dr. Mario Barbieri to present
Enrollment as of 1/25/2022: 418**

XI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Board President invites members of the public to present any comments to the Board (limited to 3 minutes)

XII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Academic Excellence – Eloisa Hernandez

- Human Resources and Recognition – Michelle Roman
- Finance and Facilities – Joshua Bishop-Mbachu
- Executive – Lisette Vilanova

XIII. MOTIONS – Consent Agenda

Academic Excellence

1. Move that the Board of Trustees under the recommendation of the Interim Lead Administrator approve the Start Strong presentation sharing testing data.
2. Move that the Board of Trustees under the recommendation of the Interim Lead Administrator approve the Pathway Program.
3. Move that the Board of Trustees under the recommendation of the Interim Lead Administrator approve the updated Road to Recovery Plan.

Human Resources and Recognition

1. Move that the Board of Trustees under the recommendation of the Interim Lead Administrator accept the resignation of Ludys Genao effective 2/11/2022.

Finance and Facilities

1. Move that the Board of Trustees under the recommendation of the Interim Lead Administrator approve the transfer of funds for October 2021 as per the attachment.
2. Move that the Board of Trustees under the recommendation of the Interim Lead Administrator approve the Board Secretary's (A148) Report and Treasurer's (A149) Report, for the month ending October 31, 2021. Be it further resolved, that the Board of Trustees upon the recommendation of the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, approve the certification of funds, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c)3, that as of October 31, 2021 no budgetary line item account has encumbrances and expenditures which in total exceed the line item appropriation in violation of 6A:23A16.10(a).
3. Move that the Board of Trustees under the recommendation of the Interim Lead Administrator approve the Bill List from 1/13/2022 to 1/26/2022 in the amount of:

Warrants from 1/13/2022 – 1/26/2022	\$87,810.11
Payroll Register 12/23/2021	\$260,816.35
Payroll Register 1/14/2022	<u>\$223,505.78</u>
Total:	\$572,132.24

4. **Whereas**, the Academy for Urban Leadership Charter School in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:23-1 must have a certified External Audit of the district's accounts and financial transactions; and

Whereas, the Board of Trustees received the audit performed by Galleros Robinson LLP and discussed said audit at its finance committee meeting held January 19, 2022 and its public meeting held January 26, 2022; now

Be It Resolved, that the Academy For Urban Leadership Charter School accepts the audit for the 2020/2021 school year, FY ended June 30, 2021, and approves the Corrective Action Plan (CAP).

5. Move that the Board of Trustees under the recommendation of the Interim Lead Administrator approve the following staff members to be charged to the Title I grant for the 2021/2022 school year.

Staff	Position	Title I	Title III	General Fund
Raquel Rodriguez	Bilingual Paraprofessional	83.15%	16.85%	
Lanny Morales	Bilingual Paraprofessional	100%		
Melthem Pak	Paraprofessional	100%		
Ludys Genao	Paraprofessional	100%		
Danielle Dover	Math Teacher	65%		35%
Robert Hagan	English Teacher	65%		35%

6. Move that the Board of Trustees under the recommendation of the Interim Lead Administrator approve the additional warrants in the amount of:

Check # 8923 - 8943 dated 1/26/22	\$105,262.33
Check # 8888 - Void 1/25/22	(391.76)
Non-checks (online payments) 1/14 - 1/18/22	7,731.74
Student Activity Check # 1174 1/26/22	<u>2,275.00</u>
Total	\$114,877.31

Executive Committee Motions

1. Move that the Board of Trustees under the recommendation of the Interim Lead Administrator approve the Lead evaluation tool

XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Public bodies may meet in closed session when the matters under discussion are:

- (1) Matters made confidential by state, federal law or rule by court.

- (2) Disclosure would result in an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy, unless the person affected consents in writing.
- (3) Disclosure would impair the body's right to receive federal or state funds.
- (4) Collective bargaining.
- (5) Lease or acquisition of property, setting of banking rates, investment of public funds if disclosure would harm the public interest.
- (6) Investigations into violations of law.
- (7) Strategies to protect public security. Pending, ongoing or anticipated litigation or contract negotiation, including attorney-client privilege. The threat of litigation must be more than theoretical for this exemption to apply.
- (8) Personnel matters affecting employees of the public bodies, unless all parties request or consent to a public hearing. Prior to discussion of personnel, affected employees must be given notice, known as a Rice notice, which gives the employee the right to request a public hearing.
- (9) Proceedings that could result in a suspension, civil penalty, or loss of a license or permit.

Discussion Items:

Attorney Client Privilege

XV. OTHER MOTIONS

Move that the Board of Trustees under the recommendation of the Interim Lead Administrator accept the recommendation of the disciplinary committee in regards to student # 23116.

XVI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

The Board President invites members of the public to present any additional comments to the Board.

XVII. ADJOURNMENT