



ACADEMY FOR URBAN LEADERSHIP
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING AGENDA
VIRTUAL MEETING on ZOOM
Wednesday, March 23, 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 web site 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 (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)
Gail Long (BA/Board Secretary)
Patricia Bombelyn (Board Attorney)
April Gardner (Dean of Academics)

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

VI. MOTIONS

Whereas the Board of Trustees of the Academy for Urban Leadership Charter School seeks to promptly and thoroughly address the concerns and recommendations of the investigative report compiled by Nirenberg & Varano, LLP dated January 2022, and

Whereas the Nirenberg report mentioned some concerns and gave recommendations that require that AULCS procure the services of certified educational professionals with extensive experience in charter school management;

Whereas in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5 Professional services which exceed the bid threshold can be procured by a resolution supported by a compelling rationale, and

Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Board of Trustees of the Academy for Urban Leadership Charter School, on this 23rd day of March, 2022 approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Empire Charter Consultants, to address the concerns and recommendations of the Nirenberg Report, as well as compliance with the Performance Framework, Policy and Regulation compliance, and readiness for charter renewal, as set forth at greater length in the MOU; at a cost of \$80,000; to be performed commencing immediately and concluded by June 30, 2022; and

Be It Further Resolved, that a brief notice of this action shall be printed once in the Home Tribune as required by law within ten (10) days of its passing, stating its nature, duration, service and amount, and that this Resolution and Memorandum of Understanding are on file in the office of the Business Office of the Academy for Urban Leadership Charter School.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

VIII. ADJOURNMENT