



AGENDA

For

Emergency Board Meeting Minutes

September 11, 2024

Academy for Urban Leadership Charter School
Perth Amboy, NJ

Dr. Paul Oliveira
Chief School Administrator

Bernadette Pinto
Interim Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Norma Diaz
High School Principal

Tobi Knehr
Middle School Administrator

I. CALL TO ORDER:**START TIME: 7:03 PM**

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		Additional Attendees	
Ms. Eloisa Hernandez, President	X	Dr. Paul Oliveira, Chief School Administrator	X
Ms. Michelle Roman, Vice President	X	Ms. Norma Diaz, High School Principal	X
Mr. Saad Syed, Corporate Secretary	X	Mrs. Tobi Knehr, Middle School Administrator	X
Ms. Mayra Mercado, Board Member	X	Ms. Patricia Bombelyn, Board Attorney	X
Ms. Lyner Perez, Board Member	E		
Ms. Yadira Puntiel, Board Member	E		
Mr. Ambiorix Ramirez, Board Member	E		
Ms. Bernadette Pinto, Interim SBA/ Board Secretary	X		

V. AGENDA ITEMS

1. WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act (OPMA), N.J.S.A. 10:4-6, et seq., was enacted by the New Jersey State Legislature to provide the public with advanced notice of, and the right to attend, meetings of public bodies such as a board of education; and WHEREAS, OPMA permits public bodies to hold emergency meetings without adequate advanced written notice in circumstances of such urgency and importance that a delay for the purpose of providing adequate notice would likely result in substantial harm to the public interest; and WHEREAS, OPMA permits public bodies to hold emergency meetings subject to certain procedural safeguards, including that three-fourths of its members present vote in favor of conducting the emergency meeting and that prompt notice of the meeting is given to the public by posting and delivery to two newspapers, including the official designated newspaper of the Board; and WHEREAS, an urgent situation has arisen due facility conditions in the Barclay building; and WHEREAS, the members of the Board of Trustees have determined that an emergency meeting must be conducted to discuss and possibly act on these matters which involve the health and safety of students and staff at the Barclay building; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Trustees will conduct an emergency meeting on September 11, 2024 at 6:30 pm, at the Academy for Urban Leadership, 612 Amboy Avenue, Perth Amboy, New Jersey 08861; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this Resolution is to be placed on the agenda at the next scheduled public meeting and that the Board Secretary is directed to reflect the same in the minutes and post a copy of this Resolution to deliver it to two newspapers, including the official designated newspaper of the Board.

Board Members	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Ms. Elosia Hernandez, President			X			
Ms. Michelle Roman, Vice President	X		X			
Mr. Saad Syed, Corporate Secretary		X	X			
Ms. Yadira, Puntiel, Board Member						X
Mr. Ambiorix Ramirez, Board Member						X
Ms. Lyner Perez, Board Member						X
Ms. Mayra Mercado, Board Member			X			

Mr. Oliveria shared the finding on the Inspection Report received on September 10, 2024 at 4:00 PM.

2. Motion to approve Middle School students receive instruction at the Main Campus beginning September 12, 2023 instead of the priorly approved date of September 23, 2024.

Discussion: Mr. Syed asked questions on the reporting.

Mr. Oliveira explained that the report details. He further explained the transition of students and he commended the administration, students and faculty for their assistance. He further advised of the the lunch program for the middle school students. He advised that they will keep on monitoring the programs and making sure that all procedures are effective. We have three security guards that are assisting with the lunch and ingress and dismissal of students. Tomorrow we have our Town Hall meeting and we will solicit parents feedback. All students will receive ID cards that differentiate them from the High School students.

Ms. Roman asked Ms. Khenr for her insight with day. Ms. Khenr stated that there were some minor issues and confusion but overall the day went well.

Ms. Bombelyn asked if no classes prior in Rectory Area. She further stated the the report received stated that the mold presented is not a toxic mold but an allergen mold. She asked if there was a change in the schedule due to the move with students and the Inspection Report shared.

Ms. Mercado commented that her daughter was very confused with regards to the schedule and that shredded that her daughter loved the lunch.

Ms. Diaz explained the colored ID cards so that it assists with differentiating students.

Board Members	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Ms. Elosia Hernandez, President			X			
Ms. Michelle Roman, Vice President	X		X			
Mr. Saad Syed, Corporate Secretary		X	X			
Ms. Yadira, Puntiel, Board Member						X
Mr. Ambiorix Ramirez, Board Member						X
Ms. Lyner Perez, Board Member						X
Ms. Mayra Mercado, Board Member			X			

Mr. Oliveria read the notification he is planning to send out to families tonight. The message explains the move and re-invites families to Town Hall Meetings for feedback.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS (agenda items only):

The Board President invites members of the public to present any comments to the Board (limited to three minutes). Please begin your comments by stating your name and address. Individuals are invited to speak on one topic at a time, and no individual will speak more than once until all individuals so desiring have spoken once. The public is reminded to ensure the efficient and orderly operations of the meeting; members will be limited to speaking on agenda items for three minutes. - No Public Comment was held.

VI. 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.

No Executive Session was held.

COMMENTS

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: No Comments

Members of the public desiring to make a public comment may come forward at this time.

Please begin your comments by stating your name and address. Individuals are invited to speak on one topic at a time, and no individual will speak more than once until all individuals so desiring have spoken once.

The public is reminded that to ensure the efficient and orderly operations of the meeting, members of the public will be limited to speaking on items for three minutes.

NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS: N/A

Old Business: N/A

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: None

VII. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to Adjourn

END TIME: 7:41 PM

Board Members	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Ms. Elosia Hernandez, President			X			
Ms. Michelle Roman, Vice President	X		X			
Mr. Saad Syed, Corporate Secretary		X	X			
Ms. Yadira, Puntiel, Board Member						X
Mr. Ambiorix Ramirez, Board Member						X
Ms. Lyner Perez, Board Member						X
Ms. Mayra Mercado, Board Member			X			