



**Meeting of the Public Prep Academies Trustees**

**Meeting Locations:**

**Teleconference Information**

Topic: Board Meeting #4

Time: Feb 15, 2024 05:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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**2/15/24 at 5:30PM-7:00PM**

**ATTENDEES**

**Public Prep Academies:**

- Boykin Curry (499 Park Avenue)
- Nicole Greene (240 Park Ave South, New York, NY 10003)
- Samuel Greene (240 Park Ave South, New York, NY 10003)
- Khairah Klein (222 E 16th Street, New York, NY 10003)
- Laura Weil (JFK Airport, Queens, NY 11430)

**Public Prep Network:**

- Janelle Bradshaw
- Jeannemarie Hendershot (Boys Prep Bronx Elementary, 192 E 151st Street, 1st Floor, Bronx, NY 10451)
- Josie Carbone
- Keisha Morris
- Michael Burgevin
- Samantha Diaz
- Porsche Joseph
- Jessica Strong
- Caitlin Omeis
- Muhammad Khan

**Other Attendees:**

- Mark Diker

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- Margery Mayer
- Sarah Britton
- Andrew Bray
- Rachel Kovar
- Alex Cardasis
- Karina Lopez
- Steve Paul
- Noelani Gabriel Holt
- Robyn Milliner

## **Public Comment**

- Atiyah Brown (BPBXM)
- Sarah Paul (GPLESM Alumnae)
- Lourdes Rivas (GPBXM)
- Coral Vega (GPLES)
- Cynthia Cruz (GPBXII)
- Assitan Maguiraga (GPBXM Alumnae)
- Shirley Apollon (Provided Written Statement - BPBX Alumnae Parent)

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## **MINUTES**

### **Call to Order**

The public meeting was called to order by Boykin Curry at 5:05PM. Nicole Greene 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:** Boykin Curry
  - b. **Seconded:** Nicole Greene
  - c. **In Favor:** Samuel Greene, Khairah Klein, Laura Weil
  - d. **Opposed:** None
- 2. Resolution to approve the board minutes for the meeting of the Public Prep Academies Board of Trustees on December 13, 2024.***
  - a. **Motioned:** Nicole Greene
  - b. **Seconded:** Boykin Curry
  - c. **In Favor:** Samuel Greene, Khairah Klein, Laura Weil
  - d. **Opposed:** None
- 3. Resolution of the Board of Trustees: Strategic Opportunities and Formation of Working Group***

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- i. Motioned: Nicole Greene
- ii. Seconded: Boykin Curry
- iii. In Favor: Samuel Greene, Khairah Klein, Laura Weil
- iv. Opposed: None

**4. Resolution to move to Executive Session of the Public Prep Academies Board of Trustees and Friends of Girls Prep**

- i. Motioned: Boykin Curry
- ii. Seconded: Nicole Greene
- iii. In favor: Samuel Greene, Khairah Klein, Laura Weil
- iv. Opposed: None

**5. 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: Khairah Klein
- c. In favor: Boykin Curry, Samuel Greene, Laura Weil
- d. Opposed: None

## Meeting Agenda

- Month in Review
- Public Comment
- Votes
- Enrollment Update
- Academic Update
- Finance Update
- Executive Session

## Minutes

### Month in Review

The Chief Executive Officer opened the meeting with the Month in Review and briefly shared the impressiveness of the speech given by the winner of the MLK Oratory Competition at The Boys Prep in January.

### Public Comment

The Chief Executive announced that members of the public who signed up for public comment prior to the meeting would now be called on to offer their remarks, and the seven (7) individuals who signed up to speak were called upon by name one by one by the Chief Operating Officer. Six (6) of the seven (7) individuals offered comments to the Board and others present regarding their experience with PPA, and the 7th individual provided a written statement which was read by the Chief Operating Officer. There being no further public comments, the Chief Executive Officer thanked the members of the public for their comments and closed the Public Comment portion of the Meeting and the PPN Board chair expressed his appreciation of the Public's remarks.



### Enrollment Updates

The Chief Executive Officer shared that the board and pre read materials were shared before the meeting. The Chief Executive Office transitioned to Enrollment updates and invited the board trustees to present any question.

The PPN board chair shared his appreciation of the remarks made during Public Comment. He highlighted how enrollment has declined steadily over the past 3-4 years, down about 60% in grades K-2. This makes the model difficult to sustain. Overall, declining enrollment affects finances and resource allocation, making it challenging to maintain a high quality program.

The Chief Executive Office thanked the PPN board chair for his comment.

### Academic Updates

The Chief Executive Office transitioned to Academic updates and invited the board trustees to present any questions about the Academic slides in the presentation.

The Chief Executive Officer proceeded to remind families that Mastery Season was on the horizon and that the spring state test would be computer based for scholars in grades 5-8 this year.

### Finance Updates

The Chief Executive Officer reiterated that the Finance materials were shared prior to the meeting and invited the board trustees to ask any questions.

The PPN board chair followed up on his statement about enrollment headwinds and shared that the decline in enrollment impacts finances and affordability across the network, creating challenges for Public Prep Network to maintain excellence.

### Approval of Minutes of December 2023 meeting

The PPA board trustee and Vice Chair of PPN motioned to approve the Minutes from the previous board meeting on 12/13. The motion passed unanimously.

### Approval of a resolution to form a strategy working group

The Vice Chair of PPN/PPA board trustee motioned to approve a resolution to create a working group to address enrollment challenges through partnerships or mergers with other charter schools. The board voted to approve the resolution unanimously. The working group will report back to the board at subsequent board meetings.

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## Executive Session

Boykin Curry motioned to enter executive session to discuss personnel matters consistent with the Open Meeting Law at 5:45PM. Nicole Greene seconded the motion.

## Adjournment

Nicole Greene motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:20PM. Khairah Klein seconded the motion.