



Maria L. Varisco-Rogers Charter School

Providing new alternatives for a better education

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Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 15, 2025

Present: Carmen Baez, Migdalia Concepcion, Carmen Lebron, Marta Nieves, Jesus Padilla, Daisey Herrera, Maria Camacho, Jaziel Rios, and Vincent Cozzarelli

Not Present: Maritza Arauz, Carmen Camacho, and Margartia Valentin

Staff Present: Jose Segarra, Eneida Perez, Teresa Segarra, Garry Nelson and Gynise Gotto

Students Present: Pedro Pincay, Abdul Darby, Jayslin Cespedes, and Melanie Espinal Ramirez

Visitor: Brian Ko, Nisivoccia, LLP. Sorangel Camejo- Mercedes and Hugo Lara-Parents

- I. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm.
- II. Roll call was taken and quorum was present.
- III. The minutes from December were approved. Motion to approve Ms. Herrera, seconded by Ms. Camacho, and carried unanimously.
- IV. The student report was provided by Mr. Rios.
- V. **Mr. Nelson and students** Pedro Pincay, Abdul Darby, Jayslin Cespedes, and Melanie Espinal Ramirez presented on the video newsletter project.
- VI. **Brian Ko, Nisivoccia, LLP-** presented to the board on the ACFR for FY 24.
- VII. Motion to enter closed session- Motion Ms. Lebron, seconded Ms. Camacho, and carried unanimously -5:25pm.
- VIII. Motion to enter open session- Motion Mr. Padilla, seconded Ms. Nieves, carried unanimously- 5:35 pm.
- IX. **Open Public Comment:** Ms. Sorangel Camejo-Mercedes, Parent
- X. **Lead Person/Executive Director Report**
 - a. An update was provided on the operation of the school.
 - b. Reminder of School Ethics Filing
 - c. Resignation of Board Member, M. Arauz- Motion to approve Ms. Maria Camacho, seconded Ms. Migdalia Concepcion, and carried unanimously.
- XI. **School Business Administrator Report**
 - a. The December Financial Report was presented to the board. Motion to approve Ms. Concepcion, seconded Ms. Camacho, and carried unanimously.
 - b. The payroll was presented to the board. Motion to approve by Ms. Concepcion, seconded by Ms. Lebron, and carried unanimously.
 - c. The revised budget based on October 15th enrollment was presented to the board. Motion to approve by Ms. Concepcion, seconded by Mr. Padilla, and carried unanimously.
 - d. Budget line transfers based on the revised budget was presented to the board. Motion to approve Ms. Nieves, seconded by Ms. Lebron, and carried unanimously.
 - e. Additional title I staff for the After School Program was presented to the board. Motion to approve by Mr. Padilla, seconded by Ms. Nieves, and carried unanimously.

Group Teachers \$45 per hour 20-231-100-100-001-096
Sylvie Nkundikije Brenda Pacheco Robyn Rivera Alex Victorino

XII. Motion to adjourn was made at 6:30 pm. Motion Mr. Cozzarelli, seconded by Ms. Lebron, and carried unanimously.