

INTERNATIONAL LEADERSHIP CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Meeting Minutes

Via Zoom

June 15, 2022

6:45pm

The Board of Directors of International Leadership CHS met June 15, 2022 via a Zoom call. The meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m.

The following Members were present:

Natalie Lozada, Chair

Maria Garcia

Yahaira Ricardo

Edmond Turkson, Secretary

Denise Martinez Vasquez

Dr. Elaine Ruiz Lopez, CEO

Board Business

Minutes for April's meeting were reviewed.

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Edmond.

Yahaira provided the first and Denise second. The motion carried.

CEO Report:

The Cohort XIII Graduation and Prom were successful.

99% of our scholars who were continuously enrolled completed all graduation requirements. Our Valedictorian and Salutatorian was accepted to over 20 colleges. Ashley Fernandez has graduated with high school with 15 college credits and will be attending Baruch College. Amelia Almonte has selected Barnard College at Columbia University and will be attending in the fall.

Finances:

There was a motion requested for approval of salaries for FY 2022-2023 and approval of annual budget and the new audit firm.

There was a motion for approval presented by Natalie for these three finance items. Edmond provided the first and Denise second. The motion carried.

Strategic Growth:

The Growth Plan approved previous by the Board in previous year to support expansion were revisited and updated. The planned new hires for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 that have been retained for the fall are Director of Student Support Services, Director of Grants and the Director of Curriculum and Instruction for the Middle School. The Chief Academic Officer will be hired for a fall start date in 2023 and the search will begin in the fall. The role of the Chief Officer and Strategic Partnerships will have oversight of all foundation grants, and relationship building to bring in private philanthropic funds to ensure that our charter school is fiscally viable and robust to support our plans for expansion. This engagement is pending meeting with Board Chair. Start date projected for the fall of 2022.

Governance:

SUNY CSI issued the approval of new trustee Carmen Mendez. The Board welcomed Ms. Mendez to her first board meeting.

Resume for Yanelis Munoz was briefly discussed. Natalie provided the motion for New Board Member approval. Edmond provided a 1st and Denise provided a second to the motion. The motion carried.

Middle School Expansion: Due to the challenges in identifying a suitable incubation space until our new school construction is complete, the Board has agreed to taking a planning year. As such our charter school will not be expanding its operations for the fall of 2022.

Our CEO will be receiving a recognition and honored at the Power Women of the Bronx event at end of June. The board congratulated Dr. Ruiz Lopez on her accomplishments and recognition.

A new calendar for the 2022-2023 will be proposed and circulated at our August 15, 2022 meeting.

Meeting came to a close at 7:30 PM