

# Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes Monday, September 23, 2024 – 6:30 PM

#### I. Call to Order by Board Chair – 6:33 PM

#### II. Public Notice of Meeting/NJ Sunshine Law

The New Jersey Public Meetings Law was enacted to ensure the right to the public to have advanced notice of and to attend the meetings of public bodies at which any business affecting their interest is discussed or acted upon in accordance with N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq. On the rules of this act, Elysian Charter School has caused notice of this meeting by publicizing the date, time and place, of the regularly scheduled meeting in the Public Notice Section of the Jersey Journal and posted on the Elysian Charter School website at <a href="www.ecsnj.org">www.ecsnj.org</a> and at the Elysian Charter School located at 1460 Garden Street, Hoboken, NJ 07030. Formal action will take place at this meeting.

#### III. Roll Call

| Voting Members        | Role             | Term Ends | Present      | Absent |
|-----------------------|------------------|-----------|--------------|--------|
| a. Amanda Gordon      | Board Chair      | 27-Mar    | Х            |        |
| b. Chris DeFilippis   | Board Vice Chair | 25-Mar    | Х            |        |
| c. Daniel Glynn       | Board Trustee    | 25-Mar    | LA – 6:38 PM |        |
| d. Jaime Marchand     | Board Trustee    | 26-Mar    | LA – 6:55 PM |        |
| e. Bernadette Reagan  | Board Treasurer  | 25-Mar    |              | Х      |
| f. Eduardo Gonzalez   | Board Trustee    | 26-Mar    | Х            |        |
| g. Serena Trinkwalder | Board Trustee    | 26-Mar    | Х            |        |
| h. Diane DeSombre     | Board Trustee    | 27-Mar    | Х            |        |
| i. Michael Kuziw      | Board Trustee    | 27-Mar    | Х            |        |

#### **Also Present**

| Non-Voting          | Role                          | Present | Absent |
|---------------------|-------------------------------|---------|--------|
| Susan Grierson      | Director                      | Χ       |        |
| Dr. Brian Falkowski | School Business Administrator | X       |        |
| Gabby Rodriguez     | Staff Representative          | X       |        |

### IV. Acceptance of Meeting Minutes

 Motion for Elysian Charter School, Board of Trustees to accept the minutes from the August 26, 2024 meeting.

| Voting Members    | Motion | Yes | No | Abstain | Absent | Voting Members     | Motion | Yes | No | Abstain | Absent |
|-------------------|--------|-----|----|---------|--------|--------------------|--------|-----|----|---------|--------|
| Amanda Gordon     |        | Х   |    |         |        | Serena Trinkwalder | 2      | Χ   |    |         |        |
| Chris DeFilippis  | 1      | Х   |    |         |        | Eduardo Gonzalez   |        | Χ   |    |         |        |
| Daniel Glynn      |        |     |    |         | Х      | Diane DeSombre     |        | Х   |    |         |        |
| Jaime Marchand    |        |     |    |         | Х      | Michael Kuziw      |        | Х   |    |         |        |
| Bernadette Reagan |        |     |    |         | Х      |                    |        |     |    |         |        |

### V. Board Business – N/A

#### VI. Reports

- 1. **Director's Report** Provided by Susan Grierson
- 2. Faculty Representative's Report Provided by Gabby Rodriguez

### VII. Committee Reports

1. **Personnel** – Amanda Gordon spoke about the personnel recommendations.

- 2. **Advocacy** Chris DeFilippis and Diane DeSombre spoke about the following: Hoboken Family Foundation, charter funding presentation to staff, fundraising, and the success of the PILOT advocacy.
- 3. Facilities No meeting.
- 4. **Finance** Dan Glynn spoke about the August BvA, summer camps, Pilot money, and the upcoming audit.

#### VIII. Public Comment

- IX. Adjourn Public Session and Open Closed Session N/A
- X. Motions for Approval
  - 1. Finance
    - a. <u>Board Secretary's and Treasurer's Report</u>: To approve the Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports for <u>July & August 2024</u>, as per the attached. Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:232.11(a), the Elysian Charter School of Hoboken Board of Trustees acknowledges receipt of the secretary's certification, and after review of the monthly financial report (appropriations section) certifies that, to the best of its knowledge, as of <u>July & August 2024</u>, no major account or fund has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:232.11(b), and that sufficient funds are available to meet the school's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.
    - b. Transfers: To approve line-item transfers up to August 31, 2024.
    - c. Bills List: To approve the bills list from August 27, 2024 September 23, 2024.
    - d. <u>Payroll</u>: To approve the following payrolls:
      - August 30, 2024 \$44,614.43
      - September 13, 2024 \$137,720.94

| Voting Members    | Motion | Yes | No | Abstain | Absent | Voting Members     | Motion | Yes | No | Abstain | Absent |
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| Amanda Gordon     | 2      | Х   |    |         |        | Serena Trinkwalder |        | Х   |    |         |        |
| Chris DeFilippis  |        | Х   |    |         |        | Eduardo Gonzalez   |        | Х   |    |         |        |
| Daniel Glynn      | 1      | Х   |    |         |        | Diane DeSombre     |        | Х   |    |         |        |
| Jaime Marchand    |        | Х   |    |         |        | Michael Kuziw      |        | Х   |    |         |        |
| Bernadette Reagan |        |     |    |         | Х      |                    |        |     |    |         |        |

- 2. Contracts N/A
- 3. Buildings & Grounds N/A
- 4. Personnel
  - a. To approve the following new hire:
    - **Iris Ponce**, titled Recess and Support Aide, at a salary of \$10,680, 10-month contract, effective September 9, 2024.
  - b. To rescind the following motion approved on August 26, 2024.
    - **Cha'Quan Scott,** titled Permanent Substitute, at a salary of \$30,000, 10-month contract, effective August 28, 2024.

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| Amanda Gordon     |        | Х   |    |         |        | Serena Trinkwalder | 1      | Х   |    |         |        |
| Chris DeFilippis  |        | Х   |    |         |        | Eduardo Gonzalez   |        | Χ   |    |         |        |
| Daniel Glynn      |        | Х   |    |         |        | Diane DeSombre     |        | Х   |    |         |        |
| Jaime Marchand    | 2      | Х   |    |         |        | Michael Kuziw      |        | Х   |    |         |        |
| Bernadette Reagan |        |     |    |         | Х      |                    |        |     |    |         |        |

#### 5. Curriculum/Special Education

a. To approve the following upcoming field trips:

| TRIP LOCATION  | GRADE | DATE OF TRIP  | EDUCATIONAL<br>PURPOSE | COST  |
|----------------|-------|---------------|------------------------|---|
| Camp Mason     | 6     | 10/10 – 10/11 | Teamwork /             | \$3,650.50 - \$690 Deposit / Transportation                             |
| Overnight Trip | O     | 10/10 - 10/11 | Nature                 | Drop Off: \$684.17, Pick up: \$685.15                                   |
| Camp Mason     | 8     | 10/17 – 10/18 | Teamwork /             | \$3,774.00 - \$736.00 Deposit / Transportation                          |
| Overnight Trip | 0     | 10/17 - 10/18 | Nature                 | Drop Off: \$684.17, Pick up: \$685.15                                   |
| Doyles Farm    | 2     | 10/25         | Nature Animals         | Estimated - \$ - \$Deposit due / Transportation<br>Round Trip: \$893.17 |

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| Amanda Gordon     | 1      | Х   |    |         |        | Serena Trinkwalder |        | Х   |    |         |        |
| Chris DeFilippis  |        | Х   |    |         |        | Eduardo Gonzalez   | 2      | Х   |    |         |        |
| Daniel Glynn      |        | Х   |    |         |        | Diane DeSombre     |        | Х   |    |         |        |
| Jaime Marchand    |        | Х   |    |         |        | Michael Kuziw      |        | Х   |    |         |        |
| Bernadette Reagan |        |     |    |         | Х      |                    |        |     |    |         |        |

### 6. Policy/Governance/Miscellaneous - N/A

### XI. New Business

- 1. To approve the Aftercare Tutoring staff: one on one with students at \$50/hour not to exceed \$1,000.
  - a. Joshua Landera
  - b. Samantha Leone

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| Amanda Gordon     |        | Х   |    |         |        | Serena Trinkwalder | 1      | Х   |    |         |        |
| Chris DeFilippis  |        | Х   |    |         |        | Eduardo Gonzalez   |        | Х   |    |         |        |
| Daniel Glynn      | 2      | Х   |    |         |        | Diane DeSombre     |        | Х   |    |         |        |
| Jaime Marchand    |        | Х   |    |         |        | Michael Kuziw      |        | Х   |    |         |        |
| Bernadette Reagan |        |     |    |         | Х      |                    |        |     |    |         |        |

# XII. Closing Comments - none

## XIII. Information - Next Board Meeting:

| Day    | Date             | Time    | Notes           |
|--------|------------------|---------|-----------------|
| Monday | October 28, 2024 | 6:30 PM | Regular Meeting |

### XIV. Adjournment – 7:02 PM

| Voting Members    | Motion | Yes | No | Abstain | Absent | Voting Members     | Motion | Yes | No | Abstain | Absent |
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| Chris DeFilippis  |        | Х   |    |         |        | Eduardo Gonzalez   |        | Х   |    |         |        |
| Daniel Glynn      | 2      | Х   |    |         |        | Diane DeSombre     |        | Х   |    |         |        |
| Jaime Marchand    |        | Х   |    |         |        | Michael Kuziw      |        | Х   |    |         |        |
| Bernadette Reagan |        |     |    |         | Х      |                    |        |     |    |         |        |

Location: 1460 Garden Street, Hoboken, NJ 07030