



# The Renaissance

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Charter School 2

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## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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## PUBLIC MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

November 8, 2023

## AGENDA

1. Chairperson's Message – 3 minutes
  - a. Liz facilitating in Monte's absence
2. Roll Call – 2 minutes
  - a. Board members present: Liz Perez, Chester Hicks, Victor Motta, Leopolda Silvera
  - b. Board members absent: Monte Joffee, Rachel Mandel
3. Approval of Last Month's Minutes – 5 minutes
  - a. Approved by acclamation
4. Annual Report and Certified Financial Report (Audit and Finance Committee Call) – 20 minutes
  - a. Everett (Annual Report) - Final submission of report was a team effort--thank you to the entire team. Was due November 1. That phase of the report was centered around charter goals. Many of our charter goals were satisfactorily met. Some goals were not able to be met due to specific metrics. Some goals are not applicable at this time. We will continue to review goals going forward. We were able to meet our state testing goals. We will be posting that report on our website as we are required to do
  - b. Stacey (Annual Report) - For any goals that are not met, we have had conversations among all parties (staff) about how we will follow up. We will give a more substantive report on the follow-up in coming months. It should be noted the state has not released statewide data, so we can't answer questions about how we compare with the state/district. We have a similar situation at Renaissance, which does not have goals comparing it to the state, but does have goals comparing to district and city.
  - c. Dan (Certified Financial Report) - Met with our auditors and board members. There were no findings, which is good news. There is new guidance around reflecting the rent for the building over the entire lease. That is on the CFR, with an explanation of the school paying that over time.
  - d. Stacey (CFR) - long-term lease looks pretty intimidating, so it is important to read the accountants' notes. We are hopeful that the state auditors are aware of this guidance as well, because it is important to note that it is over time. This is also posted on our

website. Commendation to Ren2 for a high rate of programmatic spending (85%), which is a high ratio, meaning the money is being spent on the students. The accountants were also pleased with the reserve funds maintained (we do need to have money set aside for unexpected expenses, so it is important to maintain this). We currently have three months' reserve, but it would be better to have six months' reserve.

5. School Management Team Report – 10 minutes
  - a. Everett - 99.9% enrollment/592 students total enrolled. Cap is 595, and we are working on enrolling additional students.
  - b. Everett - Read his statement that was emailed to the school community regarding recent incidents (October 23 incident between student and teacher and incident where parent assaulted a school safety officer) and regarding investigation. There is no further information at this time. There will be a confidential session following this public meeting. Everett has joined the 110th Precinct weekly meetings at the invitation of our youth officers, who have been very supportive over the past month. They have discussed the issues in Everett's statement and what is happening in District 24, including encounters with the unhoused and similar incidents to those described in Everett's letter that are happening in other schools. They are doing everything they can to address these issues and would like to continue to partner with us to resolve certain issues. Everett also received a letter from our council member regarding some of the ongoing issues with our street and signage. Thank you to parents for being vocal about these issues and being a force for change with our elected officials!
  - c. Update on visit from Assemblymember Raga, that was canceled, who may now be visiting in December-to be rescheduled.
  - d. Hiring: new fourth grade teacher. Still need another Mandarin teacher. Extending offer to ELL teacher who gave demo last week.
  - e. Thank you to parents and PA for all of the great work they've been doing. Our Halloween celebration was amazing, with costumes, and activities, and different themes every day, enjoyable for the entire school!
  - f. Stacey - Assemblymember Raga canceled due to an injury--conversation with government relations consultant Dwayne Andrews, we really do want the elected officials to come visit, including Regent Chin. He is working on making offers to please come visit, but parents are welcome to reach out as well so that the elected officials and other community partners and representatives can see what we are doing at our school. Dwayne will be coming to a future meeting to talk about outreach.
6. Board Members' New Business – 10 minutes
7. Public Speaking – TBD
8. Adjournment of Public Meeting
  - a. 11:32 a.m.
9. Executive Session – Confidential