

# The Renaissance

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October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024

The Renaissance Charter School

Meeting of the Board of Trustees

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### 1. Chairperson's Message – 3 minutes

- a. Vice Chair, Rebekah Oaks provides welcome message at 9:08am

### 2. Roll Call – 2 minutes

- a. Present: Rebekah Oaks, Chester Hicks, Raymond Johnson, Dan Fanelli, Everett Boyd, Stacey Gauthier. Monte Joffe, Dr. Rachel Mandel
- b. Guests: Ana Falla Riff & Gavriella Arias, Fahad Rumi, Gabriella Diaz (College and Career Readiness Office).
- c. Absent: Raymond Johnson

### 3. Approval of Last Month's Minutes – 5 minutes

- a. Minutes approved by acclimation.

### 4. Report from College and Career Readiness Office – 15 minutes

- a. Please see attached Report.

*"Developing Leaders for the Renaissance of New York"*

- b. Motion to recognize all the amazing work from Ana Falla Riff and her team, approved by acclamation.

5. School Management Team Report – 10 minutes

- a. Stacey Gauthier – Thank you to Ana and all their amazing work, we will miss Ana Falla Riff after she retires but are happy to have Gavriella Arias take over the office.
- b. Stacey Gauthier – We have moved Cristine Slingerland into a Social Studies coaching role, she is working with Thandi Guimaraes together to get Renaissance a Seal of Civic Readiness. She will be working on getting geography into all our classes.
- c. Stacey Gauthier – James Drumgoole is taking on the English Language Learner Coordinator. He will help to support our growing ELL population 23% ELL and FELL.
- d. Stacey Gauthier – 16% IEP Population and we have D75 students in our program.
- e. Stacey Gauthier – Innovative approaches to literacy, Lauri will be working with Renaissance and Renaissance 2. She is a 12-month employee and will be benchmarking students and understanding what we need to do to support them.
- f. Stacey Gauthier – Ethnic report: 75% Hispanic, Asian 17.3%, Black 2%, 3.7 White, Other under 3%
- g. Stacey Gauthier – Fire: We do not have a definitive cause of the fire and will not get a report for 3 to 6 months. Commend everyone, the fire department came quickly, School division came in and resolved our building issues. We close on Thursday and Friday we went to remote instruction. The roof garden is closed, and we will rebuild. We want to thank all staff and Saint Jone of Arch for their support, as well as the united method (82<sup>nd</sup> street location). Got praise from the PA and the Fire department Chief. We had a safety committee meeting afterward to reflect on what happened. Vinny, Raymond, Dee, Raheim

thank you for getting our students out of the building that were in the holding areas.

- i. Board motion for commendable action by all staff approved by acclimation.

6. Board Members' New Business – 10 minutes

- a. None

7. Public Speaking – TBD

- a. None

8. Adjournment of Public Meeting

- a. 9:48am

9. Executive Session