

The Renaissance

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APPROVED MINUTES

March 5th, 2025

The Renaissance Charter School

Meeting of the Board of Trustees

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Hon. Rudolph Greco, Esq.

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1. Chairperson's Message – 3 minutes

- a. Montee provides welcome at 9:01am

2. Roll Call – 2 minutes

- a. Present: Chester Hicks, Raymond Johnson, Everett Boyd, Stacey Gauthier
Monte Joffe, Rebekah Oakes, Dan Fanelli
- b. Dr. Rachel Mandel

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

- a. Minutes approved by acclimation.

4. School Management Team Report – 10 minutes

- a. Facilities – Stacey
 - i. We will have a working budget for SY2026 next month.

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- ii. Our building lease has been approved, so now SCA will come back to review the work for the air units.
- iii. Phone systems still have not been approved
- iv. AI policy is needed for both students and Staff
- v. Violence policy is being worked on
- vi. Summer Boost is out again, and we are working on submitting the application. We plan to create an extended day summer program.
 - 1. Summer boost is 1 part of Renaissance program.
 - 2. Our summer program is funded through multiple sources.
 - 3. General funds Renaissance, General funds Renaissance 2, Federal Money, and Summer Boost.
 - 4. There was a request for summer school information from the UFT, we have provided it.
 - 5. They continue to ask for information requests that are very time consuming and we have complied with all.
- vii. Casa grant for Renaissance, allowing for a musical theater performance for after school.
- viii. We were given an UFLP (unfair labor practice) by the union. The union says we didn't bargain those benefits. Back in May, the board agreed to bargaining, we have been asking to bargain since that time and they have not responded. We are also hearing incorrectly that we want to get rid of the union and that we want to get rid of all of their benefits, that is INCORRECT. We want to bargain the things that do not

b. Matthew

- i. We have reached out to Michael Cambria the Chief Negotiator at the

UFT, he responded after 2 weeks, saying he would get back to us.

- ii. Matthew told the UFT, in good faith, that we do not want to remove the Union, Pension, or the medical plan. Rather we want to negotiate the things in the contract that do not apply. They will be getting their information request.

c. Monte

- i. Have we paid the Renaissance teachers that worked in summer school?
- ii. Stacey responded – No, Miles has not signed the MOA that we provided him back in December.

5. Finance committee Report – 10 minutes

- a. On Feb 25th the financial committee met and reviewed expenses year to date and recommend it be approved.
- b. The board voted unanimously to approve the current budget

6. Board Members' New Business – 10 minutes

- a. none

7. Public Speaking – TBD

- a. none

8. Adjournment of Public Meeting