

The Renaissance

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August 12th, 2026

The Renaissance Charter School

Meeting of the Board of Trustees

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Sandra Geyer, 1941-2019

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Hon. Rudolph Greco, Esq.

Margaret Martinez-DeLuca

1. Chairperson's Message – 3 minutes

- a. Everett Boyd initiates the meeting, welcoming everyone and expressing excitement for the new school year.

2. Roll Call –

- a. Present: Raymond, Chester, Everett, Jose, Rachel, Stacey, and Dan.
- b. Monte Joffe and Rebekah Oakes are absent.

3. Approval of Last Month's Minutes -

- a. Postponed to September meeting for lack of quorum.

4. School Management Team Report:

Summer School Program Report

- Dan Fanelli provides a detailed report on the K-8 summer program, which was prepared for 425 students and included academic instruction in ELA and math, along with enrichment activities.
- The program utilized pre-assessments to establish academic goals and allowed teachers to plan small group instruction.
- Dan thanks various teams and individuals for their contributions, including the facilities and kitchen teams, teachers, administrators, and office staff.
- The high school summer program is ongoing, focusing on academic recovery and Regents exam preparation, with a strict attendance policy in place.

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State ELA and Math Assessment Results

- Dan discusses the release of state ELA and math assessment results, noting a decline in performance and the need for further analysis.
 - He mentions the upcoming comprehensive academic update in September, which will include state assessment analysis, summer program results, and Regents exam results.
- Stacey confirms the approval of conversion charter school funding for one year and expresses concerns about delayed pre-K funding.
- Stacey shares updates from a compliance meeting with the DOE, highlighting the increased rigor of quarterly requirements and the need for more detailed interim testing reports.

Project Prevent Grant and Attendance Issues

- Stacey announces the departure of Viviana (the community resource associate who was hired by the Project Prevent Grant) and the decision to hire a replacement for Renaissance One.
 - Stacey discusses the ongoing attendance issues at both schools, with attendance rates below the 95% goal, and the impact of social-emotional and post-pandemic factors. Stacey suggests the need for a full-time position to support student attendance at Renaissance One, alongside the counseling department.
 - She notes that other schools are facing similar attendance challenges and will continue to monitor the situation.

5. Board Members' New Business

- a. Stacey Gauthier proposes a change in the board meeting schedule, with Renaissance Two meetings starting at 9:00 AM and Renaissance One meetings at 10:30 AM, to accommodate a board member's conflict.
- b. She confirms the calendar for next year's board meetings, avoiding holidays and breaks, and plans to circulate the schedule via email.

6. Public Speaking

- a. Dan opens the floor for public speaking, and Ann Mary Halder inquires about the after-school program for her child.
 - i. Dan clarifies that Renaissance has after-school programs for grades 5-10, with different partners for different grades, and suggests contacting the main office for more information.

7. Adjournment of Public Meeting at 9:19 AM.