

**The Renaissance Charter School 2**  
**Public Meeting of The Board of Trustees**

**Wednesday, November 3, 2021 – 5:00 p.m.**

**Via**

**Zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88512702116?pwd=eG1qTGF2OVNjcFdBdk9ZdTN5dHMxQT09>**

**AGENDA**

- 1) Chairperson's Message – 5 minutes
- 2) Roll Call- 2 minutes
- 3) Approval of the October, 2021 minutes – 10 minutes
- 4) Review of FY 21 Certified Financial Report – 15 minutes
- 5) School Management Team Report – 15 minutes
- 6) Resolution to Support Application for Charter Revision for High School – 5 minutes
- 7) Board Members' New Business – 10 minutes
- 8) Public Speaking – TBD
- 9) Adjournment of Public Session



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## Charter School 2

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Meeting of the Board of Trustees

### HONORARY MEMBER

Francine Smith 1949-2021

Meeting called to order at 5:09 p.m.

- 1) Chairperson's Message – 5 minutes
- 2) Roll Call- 2 minutes
  - a. Members Present: Monte Joffe, John Harrison York, Liz Perez, Chester Hicks, Rachel Mandel, Victor Motta, Leopolda Silvera
  - b. Members Absent: None
  - c. Non-Members Present: Stacey Gauthier, Everett Boyd, Daniel Fanelli, Matthew Delforte, Jen Chianchino, Michelle H.
- 3) Approval of the October, 2021 minutes – 10 minutes Approved by acclamation. (Zero opposed, zero abstentions.)
- 4) Review of FY 21 Certified Financial Report – 15 minutes
  - a. Stacey Gauthier - Several people on the Finance Committee were on call with accountants. No findings; school is fiscally sound. Pleased about ratio of money that goes into programs; looking for above 65% and we are in the high 80s. We have moved to bills.com so that money is not owed between the two schools (Renaissance and Renaissance 2). We are still cautious about the budget, but anticipate having a surplus at the end of this year, but there will be expenses coming up. Committee voted to approve the report; board needs to ratify. Accountants can come to upcoming meeting so they can review this with the board. Approved by acclamation. (Zero opposed, zero abstentions.)
- 5) School Management Team Report – 15 minutes
  - a. Enrollment update: now at 92% of approved enrollment. Some classrooms where there is room for welcoming new students.

- b. Two teachers in the second grade needed to leave for medical reasons. They have resigned and have been replaced in both sections with two very highly qualified teachers. Parents have been informed, and the students in the classrooms are continuing to thrive.
  - c. As of today, there was notification from another teacher who will be leaving for medical reasons. Replacement is in place for first grade ICT class. This teacher will be in place until 11/19 to assist with transition.
  - d. Update on facilities: Stacey--was on a city planning hearing call today at request of developer, who is developing the other side of site with affordable housing. No opposition to our proposal. One of Renaissance's former board members, Larissa Ortiz, was a commissioner on the call, and she made a statement of support for Renaissance. Dan--has been back and forth to the main site to address various building infrastructure issues. Definitely a lot of progress. Dan shared updated photos of progress. The builders are confident they will be finished in a timely manner. Questions about residential building--financing, number of units, etc. Discussion of relationship with community and cleaning up the area.
- 6) Resolution to Support Application for Charter Revision for High School – 5 minutes
- a. Stacey and Dan: The school will be moving into its new site with K-3, which means less than  $\frac{1}{3}$  of the building is occupied. In meetings with elected officials and the CEC, they have discussed opening up a 9th grade with three classes. In order to do that, a material revision to our charter has to be requested of our authorizer, the State Education Department. Need to update a budgeting and staffing plan and discuss our efforts toward community engagement. Met with various officials who have been very positive about this next step. The board needs to make a resolution. Without letters of support from elected officials, we would not be able to move forward. We are aiming for five of these letters of support; needed very soon. Need to turn this in by December 1. They will have 30 days to review and then there will be a public hearing. We have compelling arguments based on need (overcrowding in our district) and that we have a great track record with high school at Renaissance.
  - b. Motion: that the Board of Trustees of Renaissance 2 resolve to request a material revision to our charter reflecting opening up a new 9th grade with three classes for the Renaissance Charter School 2, subject to obtaining support, and further authorizing that the chairperson or his designee Everett Boyd will sign the resolution. This resolution passed unanimously.
- 7) Board Members' New Business – 10 minutes
- 8) Public Speaking – TBD
- a. Parents were welcomed to the meeting
- 9) Adjournment of Public Session 5:58 p.m.