



# The Renaissance

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### **PUBLIC MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

March 3, 2022

### **AGENDA**

- 1) Chairperson's Message – 3 minutes
- 2) Roll Call – 2 minutes
- 3) Approval of Last Month's Minutes – 5 minutes
- 4) School Management Team Report – 10 minutes
- 5) Board Members' New Business – 10 minutes
- 6) Public Speaking - TBD
- 7) Adjournment of Public Meeting
- 8) Executive Session



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March 2, 2022

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Meeting of the Board of Trustees

Meeting convened at: 5:02 p.m.

1. Chairperson's Message – 3 minutes
2. Roll Call – 2 minutes
  - a. Board Members Present: Monte Joffe, Liz Perez, Rachel Mandel, Victor Motta, Leopolda Silvera.
  - b. Board Members Absent: Chester Hicks
  - c. Non-Members Present: Stacey Gauthier, Daniel Fanelli, Everett Boyd, Yeni Arias
3. Approval of Last Month's Minutes – 5 minutes
  - a. Approved by acclamation
4. School Management Team Report – 10 minutes
  - a. Everett - Enrollment at 91%, attendance steady at 93-95%
  - b. Masking policy to change soon; COVID rate at 0%
  - c. Personnel: Just before mid-winter break, one of our second grade teachers, Shanese Caton, resigned for health reasons. We were able to create a plan to fill the position immediately. Tsering Doklar, ELL Teacher has capably filled that position since the end of the mid-winter break. We communicated with parents immediately and the students were informed at a morning meeting.
  - d. For the first time, the School Management Team was able to go visit the Elmhurst site. They took photos, and Everett sent them to parents and staff--big jolt of excitement!
  - e. Yesterday, several of us were able to attend the public hearing for our charter revision.
  - f. Stacey--hearing was short and sweet and to the point.
    - i. We used our powerpoint presentation for 6 minutes of the time.
    - ii. Everett spoke briefly about the school and ceded his time to the parents who were there, including Leopolda, our board member.
    - iii. Parents spoke passionately about what the school has meant to them and their child.
    - iv. We had no outside speakers.

- v. Danny Dromm wrote a letter that was quite supportive and well-written about our school.
- vi. In all of our conversations with the community at large and other bodies, people asked why we weren't doing a high school, and we are responding to the needs of the community.
- vii. Regents are meeting on March 14, and our revision will be reviewed at that time. Those meetings livestream for anyone who wants to watch it.
- viii. There are some new Regents; one is a non-educator but a very active parent member on the CEC.
- ix. Stacey/Dan: Review of what is happening with the building--equipment, security, technology, basketball hoops, etc.
- x. We are planning to do a joint summer school at Renaissance 1. Originally we weren't able to do that because of HVAC work, but that has been delayed until the following summer.
  - 1. Compass Program open to whole community for students of the right age
  - 2. Academic programs
- xi. Addendum by Everett: Thank you to our board member Leopolda Silvera for putting together a fantastic virtual town hall in January about children and COVID vaccinations with medical professionals. It was recorded and shared in various places. Very informative meeting. This shows how rich in resources our school is.
- xii. Stacey: Even if masks are optional, we will continue to do increased/enhanced testing for at least the following few weeks.
  - 1. Social distancing is still difficult to do in a busy school.
  - 2. Both schools have an agreement with another nursing company that comes in and tests staff members.
  - 3. We are not going to be able to selectively enforce mask wearing--parents will have to speak to their children about that.
  - 4. We need to ensure that there is no mask "bullying" either way.
  - 5. We need to continue to track the infection rate.
  - 6. Rachel Mandel weighed in with her thoughts about masks.
- xiii. Questions about open houses and contracts

5. Board Members' New Business – 10 minutes

6. Public Speaking - TBD

7. Adjournment of Public Meeting 5:35 p.m.

8. Executive Session



**Notice of Charter School Public Hearing  
and Public Comment Period  
Charter School Revision Application  
Renaissance Charter School 2  
Community School District 24**

A charter school in New York City has submitted an application to revise a charter contract. Pursuant to Education Law § 2857(1), the New York City Department of Education is required to hold a public hearing to solicit comment from the community.

**Charter School Name:** Renaissance Charter School 2

**Charter School Authorizer:** Board of Regents

**Address(es):** 60-02 Maspeth Avenue, Queens, NY 11378 in CSD 24 (Non-DOE Space)

**Application Summary:**

	Enrollment			
	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
<b>Current Authorized Enrollment</b>	324 Students Grades K-3	405 Students Grades K-4	486 Students Grades K-5	567 Students Grades K-6
<b>Proposed Enrollment</b>	243 Students Grades K-2	432 Students Grades K-3, 9-10	594 Students Grades K-4, 9-11	837 Students Grades K-6, 9-12
	Decrease enrollment to match charter school's actual enrollment and grades.	Increase the charter school's grade span and authorized enrollment to include Grades 9 through 12 over the remainder of the charter term.		

*Note: The application does not include any changes to the utilization of school district space. Any changes to the utilization of school district space would be addressed in separate processes and public hearings.*

**Ways to Provide Comment On the Application:**

Public Hearing	OR	Submit Written or Video Statement
Tuesday, March 1, 2022 5:30 p.m. On ZOOM Speakers must sign up at <a href="https://bit.ly/3oB0lev">https://bit.ly/3oB0lev</a> by 12:00 p.m.		Contact the New York State Department of Education Charter School Office at (518) 474-1762 or charterschools@nysed.gov



# Convocatoria de Audiencia Pública y Período de Comentario Público

## Solicitud de Revisión de la Escuela Charter Renaissance Charter School 2 (Distrito Escolar Comunal 24)

Una escuela charter de la ciudad de Nueva York ha presentado una solicitud para revisar un contrato autónomo. De conformidad con la Ley de Educación § 2857(1), el Departamento de Educación de la Ciudad de Nueva York debe realizar una audiencia pública para escuchar los comentarios de la comunidad en relación con el proceso de revisión de las escuelas charter.

**Nombre de la escuela charter:** Renaissance Charter School 2

**Autorizador:** Board of Regents

**Localización:** 60-02 Maspeth Avenue, Queens, NY 11378 en el CSD 24 (Non-DOE Space)

**Información de la aplicación:**

	Matriculación			
	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
<b>Matrícula autorizada</b>	324 Estudiantes Grados K-3	405 Estudiantes Grados K-4	486 Estudiantes Grados K-5	567 Estudiantes Grados K-6
<b>Matriculación Propuesta</b>	243 Estudiantes Grados K-2	432 Estudiantes Grados K-3, 9-10	594 Estudiantes Grados K-4, 9-11	837 Estudiantes Grados K-6, 9-12
	Disminuir la matriculación para igualar la inscripción presente.	Aumentar el rango de grados de la escuela charter y la matriculación autorizada para incluir los grados 9 a 12 sobre el resto del período charter.		

*Nota: La solicitud no incluye ningún cambio en la utilización del espacio del distrito escolar. Todos los cambios en la utilización del espacio del distrito escolar se tratarán aparte en otros procesos y audiencias públicas.*

**Formas de proporcionar comentarios sobre la aplicación:**

Convocatoria de Audiencia Pública	OR	Póngase en contacto con el regulador
martes, marzo 1, 2022 On ZOOM Las personas que deseen hablar deben registrarse en el <a href="https://bit.ly/3oB0lev">https://bit.ly/3oB0lev</a> antes 12:00 p.m.		Contacta el New York State Department of Education Oficina de con las Escuelas Charter a (518) 474-1762 o <a href="mailto:charterschools@nysed.gov">charterschools@nysed.gov</a>