



Youth Connection Charter School Board Meeting

MINUTES **7/30/2020** **5:39 P.M.** **VIA Zoom**

TYPE OF MEETING	BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING CALLED BY	President Molina Alanis called the meeting to order at 5:38 p.m.
OPENING REMARKS	Welcome
PUBLIC COMMENTS	Dr. Brown presented information on the “Don’t Risk Challenge”, a promo to market campuses.
ROLL CALL	<p>In Attendance:</p> <p>Mr. Luis Alejandro Molina Alanis, President, Mr. Ronald Hearn, Vice President, Dr. Laura Ruth Johnson, Secretary, Mr. James Lyles, Treasurer, Dr. Fabricio Balcazar, Senior Advisor, and Members Mr. Arthur Ward, Ms. Christine Bowden, and Mr. Daniel Jemison.</p> <p>Absent: Dr. Jermaine Morales, Member.</p> <p>A quorum was present.</p>
	<p>Staff: Sheila Venson, Executive Director, Larry Vaughn, Assistant Director, Gersom Carrera, Cynthia Levi, Albert Buabeng, Angela Ballard, Donna Santell-Cote, Dr. Linda Goodwin, Dr. Traci Brown, and Clifford Rallins.</p> <p>Others/Campuses in Attendance:</p>

Board Action

It was motioned to approve the May 29, 2020 Board meeting minutes:

Motioned by: Member Balcazar Seconded by: Member Bowden

There **X** was or ___ was no discussion of the items.

Vote: In favor **X** Opposed _____ Abstained _____

X Vote carried 7 Vote did not carry _____

It was motioned to approve the June 25, 2020 Board meeting minutes:

Motioned by: Member Ward Seconded by: Member Bowden

There **X** was or ___ was no discussion of the items.

Vote: In favor **X** Opposed _____ Abstained _____

X Vote carried 7 Vote did not carry _____

It was noted that Member Jemison joined the meeting at 5:48pm.

Executive/Finance Committee Report

In attendance: Chairman Molina Alanis, R. Hearn, L.R. Johnson, J. Lyles, D. Jemison, S. Venson, L.Vaughn, G. Carrera, A. Buabeng, L. Goodwin, T. Brown, C. Levi, R. Markin and M. Nunes.

Agenda and Updates:

YCCS Charter Renewal

- There have been several communications with CPS Legal Department regarding the Charter Renewal, and CPS maintains that YCCS should expect the contract within the week. It is expected the contract to reach YCCS legal soon.

Chicago Teacher Pension Fund (CTPF)

- CTPF sent "audit" findings to YCCS for a period from 2013-2016, however, YCCS does not agree with the findings. Findings have been questionable and inconclusive for approximately two years. Therefore, YCCS is disputing the uncertain "audit" findings.
- It was recommended to contact the third party vendors to discuss "third party claims" to bring clarity to the inconclusive findings. YCCS legal to report at next board meeting.

Facilities

- The facility cost projections for category one is approximately \$300,000 for the next 18-month timeframe
- Present a full report at the August Board meeting.

Vendor Extension Agreement

- The vendor extension agreement has been reviewed by YCCS legal and is being reviewed by board members.
- Once the board approves the agreement language it will be ready for execution

• **CCC Agreement**

- The YCCS Board agreed in the previous board meeting that City Colleges will receive the same Vendor Extension Agreement as the from campuses. YCCS continues to wait on communication from City Colleges so it can be determined how to move forward with contractual issues as it relates to the vendor extension agreement.

The Health and safety guidelines from the State of Illinois and the Center for Disease Control are extensive. However, it is YCCS' intent to ensure the health and safety of all employees if work is conducted "in person" for any assigned and/or required periods of time.

Health and safety guidelines will be made available to all board members for review. Discussions are to be continued.

Board Action

It was motioned to approve the Executive/Finance Committee Report and to clarify whether YCCS is being sued by the Chicago Teacher Pension Fund.

Motioned by: Member Ward Seconded by: Member Lyles

There **X** was or was no discussion of the items.

Vote: In favor **X** Opposed Abstained

X Vote carried **8** Vote did not carry

YCCS COVID-19 Policies

Ms. Ballard provided a brief overview of the YCCS proposed COVID-19 policies. The completed policies are to be presented to the board at the August meeting for vote.

It was mentioned that the Illinois Institute of Technology is bring students back in the fall.

Financial Report

Comptroller Buabeng presented the Financial Report ending June 30, 2020 for review and discussion.

Director's Report

Mr. Carrera presented the Director's Report and referenced the following:

- Attendance Average n/a
- Membership 3269
- Immunization 84.53%
- Homeless Students 778
- Lunch Form Compliance 86.57%
- Total YTD 2020 Graduates 1418 (1242 in June 2020)

Board Action

It was motioned to approve the 6.30.2020 Financial Report:

Motioned by: Member Bowden Seconded by: Member Jemsion

There **X** was or was no discussion of the items.

Vote: In favor **X** Opposed Abstained

X Vote carried **8** Vote did not carry

Board Action

It was motioned to approve the Director's Report:

Motioned by: <u>Member Balcazar</u> Seconded by: <u>Member Lyles</u> There X was or ___ was no discussion of the items. Vote: In favor X Opposed _____ Abstained _____ X Vote carried 8 Vote did not carry _____
Superintendent Brown is scheduling a Listening Tour to discuss violence in the communities. The date of the tour is forthcoming.
Board Action The Executive Committee recommended to the Board of Directors to assign Chico and Nunes the right to accept service for Case No. 9854986, as it relates to the Chicago Teacher Pension Fund and Youth Connection Charter School, and Motioned by: <u>Member Johnson</u> Seconded by: <u>Member Lyles</u> There X was or ___ was no discussion of the items. Vote: In favor X Opposed _____ Abstained _____ X Vote carried 8 Vote did not carry _____
The Board meeting was adjourned at 6:29 p.m.

Board Minutes Adopted: August 27, 2020

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Luis Alejandro Molina Alanis, President

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Laura Ruth Johnson, Secretary