



Youth Connection Charter School Board Meeting

MINUTES

9/27/2018

5:30 P.M.

**10 WEST 35TH STREET
Chicago, Illinois 60616**

TYPE OF MEETING	BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING CALLED BY	Interim President Molina Alanis called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m.
OPENING REMARKS	Welcome
PUBLIC COMMENTS	None
ROLL CALL	<p>In Attendance:</p> <p>Mr. L. Alejandro Molina Alanis, Dr. Laura Johnson, Interim Secretary, Mr. Daniel Jemison, Mr. Arthur Ward, Ms. Christine Bowden, Mr. James Lyles, and Mr. Jermaine Morales.</p> <p>Absent:</p> <p>Dr. Fabricio Balcazar, Interim Vice President, and Members Mr. Ronald Hearn, Mr. Douglas Nestingen, and Dr. Nilda Flores-Gonzalez.</p> <p>A quorum was present.</p>
STAFF CONSULTANTS CAMPUSES	<p>Staff: Sheila Venson, Executive Director, Larry Vaughn, Assistant Director, Gersom Carrera, Albert Buabeng, Cynthia Levi, Clifford Rallins, Donna Santell-Cote, Denise Puckett, Dr. Linda Goodwin, Dr. Traci Brown, Dr. Myrel Cooke, Doris Whittmon, Kimberly Hopson, Philip Peterson and Kendall Martin.</p> <p>Others/Campuses in Attendance: None</p>
AGENDA	<p>Opening Remarks, Public Comments, Roll Call, Reading of May 31, 2018 Board Meeting Minutes, 2018-2019 Board Meeting Calendar, Executive/Finance Committee Report and CPS MOU for Charter School Funding, Compliance Committee Report, Technology Committee Report, YCCS June 30, 2018 Budget Submission to CPS, Financial Reports Ended 8.31.2018, YCCS 20th Anniversary Celebration Update, Director's Report and Adjournment.</p>

Board Action

It was motioned to accept the September 27, 2018 Board Resolution and recommendation of Interim Board President Molina Alanis, to remove Board Member Nilda Flores-Gonzalez, who incurred more than four (4) unexcused absences from regular meetings of the Board within a calendar year:

Motioned by Member Lyles Seconded by Member Jemison
There **X** was or ___ was no discussion of the items.
Vote: In favor **X** Opposed ___ Abstained ___
X Vote carried 7 Vote did not carry ___

Board Action

It was motioned to accept the September 19, 2018 letter of resignation from Board Member Douglas Nestingen:

Motioned by Member Johnson Seconded by Member Ward
There **X** was or ___ was no discussion of the items.
Vote: In favor **X** Opposed ___ Abstained ___
X Vote carried 7 Vote did not carry ___

The Board reviewed the May 31, 2018 Board Meeting Minutes.

Board Action

It was motioned to approve the May 25, 2018 Board Meeting Minutes:

Motioned by Member Bowden Seconded by Member Ward
There ___ was or **X** was no discussion of the items.
Vote: In favor **X** Opposed ___ Abstained ___
X Vote carried 7 Vote did not carry ___

Board Action

It was motioned to approve Board Resolution and the 2018-2019 YCCS Board Meeting Calendar:

Motioned by Member Lyles Seconded by Member Bowden
There ___ was or **X** 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 Ward will not be in attendance at the October Board meeting.

Executive/Finance Committee

The Executive/Finance Committee held a meeting on September 27, 2018.

In attendance: Interim President L. Alejandro Molina Alanis, Dr. Laura Johnson, Mr. Daniel Jemison, S. Venson, L. Vaughn, G. Carrera, A. Buabeng, Dr. L. Goodwin, and Dr. T. Brown.

Agenda, Discussion and Recommendations

- YCCS 20th Anniversary Gala – October 25, 2018
 - Fundraising Goal
 - Contributors and Honorees
 - Pledges and Ticket Sales

- Follow-up with staff and organizations regarding pledges and tickets. Members were asked to follow-up with Dr. Cooke regarding their commitment to raise at least a minimum of \$1000 for pledges and/or ticket sales.
- Consider the hiring of legal representation to engage in the union negotiations
- Recruitment – Members were asked to email resumes to Interim President Molina Alanis of potential candidates for Board membership
- Recommendation to reschedule the October 25, 2018 Board Meeting to October 18, 2018, due to the YCCS 20th Anniversary Gala is being held on a regularly scheduled board meeting day and the discussion of pressing issues around the YCCS 2018-19 Budget and FY18 Audit.
- Campus Enrollments are to be finalized on Friday, September 28 and YCCS is currently down 238 from the projected number of 3697. A number of campuses are struggling with their enrollment. The Executive Committee will discuss further how the Board can assist campuses financially and a long-term solution regarding student enrollment.
- ISBE Adult High School programming that is competency-based. Another solution to consider how to obtain Workforce space funding.
- YCCS 2018-17 Audit process is near completion and field work has been completed. The audit summary meeting is expected to be scheduled for October 18.

Board Action

It was motioned to approve the September 27, 2018 Executive/Finance Committee Report:

Motioned by Member Ward Seconded by Member Jemison

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

Vote: In favor **X** Opposed Abstained

X Vote carried 7 Vote did not carry

Board Action

Comptroller presented the YCCS FY2018-2019 Budget for review and discussion.

It was motioned to approve the Board Resolution to ratify the Executive/Finance committee’s vote to submit the YCCS FY2018-2019 Budget that was due to Chicago Public Schools June 30, 2018:

Motioned by Member Lyles Seconded by Member Bowden

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

Vote: In favor Opposed Abstained

X Vote carried 7 Vote did not carry

Board Action

It was motioned to approve the August 30, 2018 Technology Committee Report:

Motioned by Member Ward Seconded by Member Bowden

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

Vote: In favor **X** Opposed Abstained

X Vote carried 7 Vote did not carry

Financial Reports

Comptroller Buabeng presented for review and discussion the Financial Report Ended July 31, 2018. It was noted that Tuition is now called Per Capita Tuition Charge (PCTC).

Board Action

It was motioned to approve the Financial Reports Ended July 31, 2018:

Motioned by Member Ward Seconded by Member Lyles

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

Vote: In favor ___ Opposed ___ Abstained ___

X Vote carried 7 Vote did not carry

Board Action

It was motioned to approve the Board Resolution to ratify the Executive/Finance committee’s vote authorizing the YCCS Executive Director Sheila Venson, to sign and submit the FY19 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for New charter School Funding Legislation to Chicago Public Schools no later than July 31, 2018:

Motioned by Member Bowden Seconded by Member Johnson

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

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

X Vote carried 7 Vote did not carry ___

Compliance Committee Report

Chairman Molina Alanis, presented the August 30, 2018 Compliance Committee Report referencing the following:

- The Committee reviewed the 2016-2017 Preliminary Campus SQRP Performance. Currently, two campuses are not meeting performance standards: Olive-Harvey Middle College and Latino Youth High school.
- The Committee also discussed concerns regarding Innovation High School’s student scheduling practices and Chatham Academy’s beginning of the year STAR testing procedures.
- The Committee will bring forward recommendations for the non-performing campuses next Board meeting, as well as, recommendations for Innovations and Chatham.

Board Action

It was motioned to approve the August 30, 2018 Compliance Committee Report:

Motioned by Member Lyles Seconded by Member Ward

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

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

X Vote carried 7 Vote did not carry

Director’s Report

Mr. Carrera presented the Director’s Report referencing the following:

- Attendance Average 75.58
- Membership 3272
- Immunization 81.48%
- Homeless Students 476
- Lunch Form Compliance 50.88%
- Seat Time Waiver – YCCS is in the process of researching the procedure for submitting a waiver for seat time to the Illinois State Board of Education. The purpose of this waiver is to allow the network to implement a competency-based educational environment where students can be promoted based on mastery of skills and not time spent in a class/course.
- YCCS recruitment campaign is being featured on iHeartMedia radio, WHCI and WKSC.
- Clear Channel Outdoor Billboards: Eighteen (18) billboards marketing YCCS campuses have been posted within

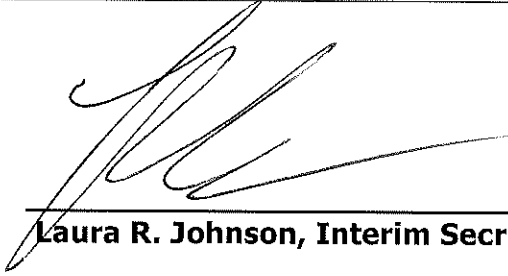
a 1-mile radius of each campus featuring their individual contact information. In addition, YCCS braded 5 full-size billboard posters containing YCCS general information to increase recruitment numbers.

- Since the August Board meeting, there were 13 shootings involving students at 6 different YCCS campuses: 3-Lakeside, 3-Chatham, 1-Campos, 1-West Town, 4-YCLA and 1-Innovations. Of the 13 students, 2 students died of their injuries and 1 is currently recovering from their injuries.

Board Committee Assignment

Member Lyles was asked to serve as a member of the Finance Committee and accepted the appointment.

The Board meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.



Laura R. Johnson, Interim Secretary

Board Minutes Adopted on:

October 18, 2018