



# YOUTH CONNECTION CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

11.29.2018

5:30 PM

10 West 35<sup>th</sup> Street, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room

## AGENDA

|   |                                 |
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| Opening Remarks   | Interim President Molina Alanis |
| Public Comments   |                                 |
| Roll Call   | Interim Secretary Johnson       |
| Reading of October 18, 2018 Board Meeting Minutes   | Interim Secretary Johnson       |
| Executive/Finance Committee Report  | Interim President Molina Alanis |
| Financial Report Ended October 31, 2018   | Ms. Baxter                      |
| YCCS 2018-2019 Employee Guardian Benefits Renewal, effective 1.1.2019<br><i>Dental, Short Term Disability, Long-Term Disability, Basic Life and Accidental Death and Dismemberment (AD&amp;D)</i>   | Ms. Thomas                      |
| Director's Report   | Mr. Carrera                     |
| Board Action:<br>Approval of Committee Recommendations & Board Resolutions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approval / October 18, 2018 Board Meeting Minutes</li> <li>• Approval / Executive/Finance Committee Report</li> <li>• Approval / YCCS 2018-2019 Guardian Employee Benefits Renewal<br/>Dental, Short Term, Long-Term Disability, Basic Life and Accidental Death and Dismemberment (AD&amp;D)</li> <li>• Approval / Financial Reports Ended October 31, 2018</li> <li>• Approval / Director's Report</li> </ul> | Interim President Molina Alanis |
| Adjournment   |                                 |



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**Executive Director**

**Board of Directors**

*L. Alejandro Molina Alanis*  
**Interim President**

*Dr. Fabricio E. Balcazar*  
**Interim Vice-President**

*Daniel M. Jemison*  
**Treasurer**

*Dr. Laura R. Johnson*  
**Interim Secretary**

*Christine Bowden*

*Arthur P. Ward*

*Ronald D. Hearn*

*James E. Lyles*

*Jermaine G. Morales*

*Dr. Richard Stephenson*  
**Founding Member**

*Dr. Robert A. Saddler*  
**Founding Member**

**MISSION STATEMENT**

*The mission of the Youth Connection Charter School is to advocate, develop, and provide world-class education to high school dropouts in partnership with the alternative high school community.*

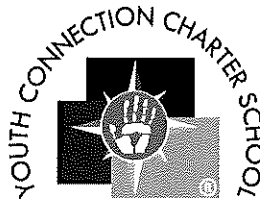
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But a BETTER Chance***

**To: All Interested Parties**

**THE NEXT MEETING OF THE  
YOUTH CONNECTION CHARTER SCHOOL  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
IS SCHEDULED FOR:**

**DATE:** Thursday, November 29, 2018  
**TIME:** 5:30 PM  
**LOCATION:** Youth Connection Charter School  
10 West 35<sup>th</sup> Street, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Chicago, IL

***Parking is available***



## Youth Connection Charter School Board Meeting

**MINUTES**

**10/18/2018**

**5:30 P.M.**

**10 WEST 35<sup>TH</sup> STREET  
Chicago, Illinois 60616**

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| <b>TYPE OF MEETING</b>            | <b>BOARD OF DIRECTORS</b>  |
| <b>MEETING CALLED BY</b>          | <b>Interim President Molina Alanis called the meeting to order at 5:38 p.m.</b>  |
| <b>OPENING REMARKS</b>            | <b>Welcome</b>   |
| <b>PUBLIC COMMENTS</b>            | <b>None</b>  |
| <b>ROLL CALL</b>                  | <p><b>In Attendance:</b></p> <p>Dr. Laura Johnson, Interim Secretary, Mr. Daniel Jemison, Ms. Christine Bowden, Mr. James Lyles and Mr. Jermaine Morales.</p> <p><b>Absent:</b></p> <p>Mr. L. Alejandro Molina Alanis, Dr. Fabricio Balcazar, Interim Vice President, and Members Mr. Arthur Ward and Mr. Ronald Hearn.</p> <p>A quorum was present.</p> |
| <b>STAFF CONSULTANTS CAMPUSES</b> | <p>Staff: Sheila Venson, Executive Director, Larry Vaughn, Assistant Director, Gersom Carrera, Albert Buabeng, Cynthia Levi, Carmien Cruz, Donna Santell-Cote, Edwana Rodgers, Edward Morrow, Dr. Linda Goodwin, Dr. Traci Brown, Dr. Myrel Cooke, and Kendall Martin.</p> <p>Others/Campuses in Attendance: None</p>                                    |
| <b>AGENDA</b>                     | <p>Opening Remarks, Public Comments, Roll Call, Reading of September 27, 2018 Board Meeting Minutes, Executive Committee Report, Finance Committee Report, YCCS 2019 Budget, YCCS 2018-17 Audit, YCCS 2018-2019 Employee Health Renewal, Financial Reports Ended August 31, 2018 and September 30, 2018, Director's Report and Adjournment.</p>          |

The Board reviewed the September 27, 2018 Board Meeting Minutes.

**Board Action**

It was motioned to approve the September 27, 2018 Board Meeting Minutes:

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   5   Vote did not carry   

**Executive/Finance Committee**

The Executive/Finance Committee held a meeting on October 18, 2018.

In attendance: Dr. L. Johnson, Mr. D. Jemison, Mr. J. Lyles, Ms. S. Venson, Mr. L. Vaughn, G. Carrera, A. Buabeng, Dr. L. Goodwin, and Dr. T. Brown.

Interim President L. Alejandro Molina Alanis and Interim Vice President Dr. Fabricio Balcazar participated via phone conference.

**Agenda, Discussion and/or Recommendations**

- Update – YCCS 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala – Thursday, October 25, 2018 at Theater on the Lake
- The YCCS FY19 Budget was discussed and action items to be presented at the time of the budget report
- Meetings were held with campus principals to discuss enrollment. It was recommended by the Committee to support campuses during the shortfall this semester that is contingent upon submittal of a plan to address the issues around enrollment starting in January 2019. The Board will schedule meetings to discuss these long-term realities and making adjustments in schools.
- A 3% cost of living increase was discussed at the previous meeting and is included in the budget
- CPS is meeting with YCCS leadership regarding a possible funding formula which is more need space based on poverty and special education funding needs. These discussions will also be about stabilizing funding for campuses.
- The board is scheduled to meet on November 2 to discuss strategies on campus issues and how violence in the communities may negatively affect enrollment and attendance. Develop a plan to address these issues and providing additional funding for violence prevention at the schools.
- YCCS Auditor John Fedus with Mueller & Co., presented the FY18 Audit to the committee which is due to Chicago Public Schools on November 1, 2018.
- The Committee reviewed the 2018-2019 YCCS Employee Health Benefits Renewal and will recommend to the Board for approval

**Board Action**

It was motioned to approve the Executive/Finance Committee's October 18, 2018 Report:

Motioned by Member Jemison Seconded by Member Lyles

There   X   was or    was no discussion of the items.

Vote: In favor   X   Opposed    Abstained   

  X   Vote carried   5   Vote did not carry   

**2018-19 Budget**

Comptroller Buabeng presented the YCCS 2018-19 Budget for review and discussion.

**Board Action**

It was motioned to approve the 2018-19 YCCS Budget.

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 5 Vote did not carry \_\_\_\_\_

**2018-17 Audit Report**

Comptroller Buabeng presented the YCCS 2018-17 Audit Report to the board for review and discussion and noted that there were no findings.

It was motioned to approve the YCCS 2018-17 Audit Report:

Motioned by Member Lyles Seconded by Member Bowden

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

Vote: In favor **X** Opposed \_\_\_\_\_ Abstained \_\_\_\_\_

**X** Vote carried 5 Vote did not carry \_\_\_\_\_

**Board Action**

Comptroller Buabeng presented the Financial Reports Ended August 31, 2018 and September 30, 2018:

It was motioned to approve the August 31, 2018 and September 30, 2018 Financial Reports:

Motioned by Member Jemison Seconded by Member Lyles

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

Vote: In favor **X** Opposed \_\_\_\_\_ Abstained \_\_\_\_\_

**X** Vote carried 5 Vote did not carry \_\_\_\_\_

**YCCS 2018-2019 Employee Health Benefits Renewal (BCBS)**

HR Coordinator Yolanda Thomas provided an overview of the 2018-19 Blue Cross/Blue Shield Employee Health Benefits renewal at a cost of \$163,321.65.

It was motioned to approve the YCCS 2018-2019 Employee Health PPO and HMO Benefits Plans renewal with Blue Cross/Blue Shield with a rate of 1.69% and effective December 1, 2018:

Motioned by Member Bowden Seconded by Member Lyles

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

Vote: In favor **X** Opposed \_\_\_\_\_ Abstained \_\_\_\_\_

**X** Vote carried 5 Vote did not carry \_\_\_\_\_

**Director's Report**

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

- 67.22% Attendance Average
- 3442 Membership
- 82.27% Immunization
- 701 Homeless Students
- 58.51% Lunch Form Compliance
- YCCS has completed its research on submitting an application to the Illinois State Board of

Education for waiving "seat time"

- The competency-based educational strategies/non-negotiables are ongoing: Campuses are expected to implement a minimum of five Competency-based Education expectations during school year 2018-10.
- There were 6 violent incidents in October

**Board Action**

It was motioned to approve the Director's Report:

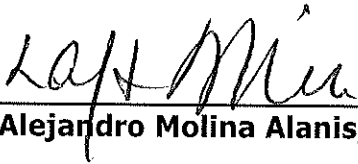
Motioned by Member Bowden Seconded by Member Lyles

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

Vote: In favor **X** Opposed     Abstained    

**X** Vote carried   5   Vote did not carry

The Board meeting was adjourned at 6:02 p.m.



**L. Alejandro Molina Alanis, Interim President**

**Board Minutes Adopted on:**

**November 29, 2018**