



Youth Connection Charter School

MINUTES

4/25/2019

5:30 P.M.

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

TYPE OF MEETING	BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING CALLED BY	President Molina Alanis called the meeting to order at 5:42 p.m.
OPENING REMARKS	Welcome
PUBLIC COMMENTS	
ROLL CALL	<p>Members in Attendance:</p> <p>Mr. Luis Alejandro Molina Alanis, Vice President, Dr. Laura Ruth Johnson, Secretary, Mr. James Lyles, Treasurer, Dr. Fabricio E. Balcazar, Senior Advisor, and Members Mr. Arthur Ward and Mr. Daniel Jemison.</p> <p>Members Absent:</p> <p>Mr. Ronald Hearn, Vice President, and Members Ms. Christine Bowden, and Mr. Jermaine Morales.</p> <p>A quorum was present.</p>
STAFF CONSULTANTS CAMPUSES	<p>Staff: Sheila Venson, Executive Director, Larry Vaughn, Assistant Director, Gersom Carrera, Cynthia Levi, Albert Buabeng, Clifford Rallins, Donna Santell Cote, Doris Whittmon, Edwana Rodgers, Edward Morrow, Dr. Linda Goodwin, Dr. Traci Brown, Kimberly Hopson, Phillip Peterson, Yolanda Thomas, Sandy Sanchez and Lorraine Cruz.</p> <p>Others/Campuses in Attendance: Melissa Sobota, Franczek.</p>
AGENDA	<p>Opening Remarks, Public Comments, Roll Call, Reading of February 28, 2019 and March 28, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes, Executive/Finance Committee Reports, Compliance Committee Report, Technology Committee Report, Financial Reports Ended March 31, 2019, Director's Report, Approval of Committee Recommendations and Board Resolutions, Closed Session and Adjournment.</p>

Board Action

It was motioned to approve the February 28, 2019 and March 28, 2019 Board meeting minutes:

Motioned by Member Balcazar Seconded by Member Lyles

There was or X was no discussion of the items.

Vote: In favor X Opposed Abstained

 X Vote carried 6 Vote did not carry

Finance Committee Report

In attendance: J. Lyles, Chair/Treasurer, L. A. Molina Alanis, President, R. Hearn, Vice President Dr. L. R. Johnson, Secretary, D. Jemison, Member, S. Venson, Executive Director, L. Vaughn, G. Carrera, A. Buabeng, Dr. L. Goodwin, and Dr. T. Brown.

Agenda and Discussion

Chair Lyles referenced the following:

- YCLA Union Negotiations, budget implications and impact
- Future budget projections
- New board's position on charter schools and how to become helpful
- Collections on outstanding obligations
- March Financial Report

Financial Report

Comptroller Buabeng presented an overview of the Financial Report Ended March 31, 2019 for Board's review and discussion.

Board Action

It was motioned to approve the April 25, 2019 Financial Committee Report and Financial Reports Ended March 31, 2019:

Motioned by Member Lyles Seconded by Member Molina

There X was or was no discussion of the items.

Vote: In favor X Opposed Abstained

 X Vote carried 6 Vote did not carry

Compliance Committee Report

In attendance: A. Molina Alanis, Chair, D. Jemison, S. Venson, L. Vaughn, G. Carrera, A. Buabeng, A. Ballard, L. Goodwin, T. Brown and R. Brough.

Agenda and Discussion

- New Policy – The Committee reviewed a revision to the YCCS Sexual Violence Policy and recommended that the revised policy be approved by the Board of Directors.
- Campus Performance – The Committee reviewed the most current campus SQRP data and reviewed specific interventions for campuses not meeting performance goals.

Executive Director Venson indicated that the Compliance Committee reviewed the campuses performance to date and approved the plan for YCCS' intervention for the 8 campuses mentioned in the report.

Board Action

It was motioned to approve the April 25, 2019 Compliance Committee Report:

Motioned by Member Johnson Seconded by Member Jemison

There X was or ___ was no discussion of the items.
Vote: In favor **X** Opposed ___ Abstained ___
X Vote carried 6 Vote did not carry ___

Technology Committee Report

In attendance: A. Molina Alanis, Chair, S. Venson, C. Rallins, G. Carrera, and L. Goodwin.

Agenda and Discussion

- YCCS Technology Grant Updates
 - YCCS E-Rate Program – completed the E-Rate application for FY 2019-2020. The E-Rate grant will provide up to 1 Gigabit Fiber Internet connections for 14 YCCS campuses and the grant will continue building out the campus infrastructure with wireless networking and network equipment to improve the delivery of Online Educational Resources at the 14 campuses.
 - Albizu Campos and Latino Youth will be able to upgrade their infrastructure this summer in order to utilize the existing funding that is available for those campuses which expire on 9.30.2019.
 - West Town Academy is joining YCCS E-Rate program next year, bringing 15 campuses being served by YCCS.
- Spring 1 Million Project – The project will be expanding at YCCS next year and provide mobile devices (tablets, phones and Hot spots) for free up to 10 Gigabits of data per month. YCCS currently has about 300 devices from spring this year. The goal next year is to reach up to 1000 students and provide the teacher training to improve the use of those devices with G-suites' Google Classroom and other online educational resources.
- YCCS Digital Learning Resources (DLR) – Resources are being provided to the YCCS campuses and will include campus access to LinkedIn / Lynda.com video training site, Adobe Creative Cloud Suite for Education, New York Times Digital access and Google's GSuites for Education. YCCS will work to provide the professional development and support to assist campuses to incorporate these educational tools into their pathways programs.
- Discussion – YCCS needs to create more awareness of the Charter's digital services and highlight the success that YCCS have in building the YCCCS Digital Platform. This includes providing the resources to assist campuses in better using technology in YCCS pedagogy and promoting our websites and digital media to showcase the successes of the YCCS campuses and the YCCS Brand.

Member Balcazar recommended finding a better way to publicize the technology provided to students and campuses.

Board Action

It was motioned to approve the April 25, 2019 Technology Committee Report:

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 6 Vote did not carry ___

Executive Committee Meeting Report

In attendance: L. Molina Alanis, Chair, Secretary L.R. Johnson, Treasurer J. Lyles, F. Balcazar, Senior Advisor, S. Venson, Executive Director, L. Vaughn, G. Carrera, A. Buabeng, L. Goodwin, and T. Brown.

Chair Molina Alanis referenced the following:

- The Financial Overview presented in the Finance Committee report
- At the March 2019 Board meeting an Ad Hoc Committee was formed for recruitment and retention and two board members Christine Bowden and Ronald Hearn were identified to serve on this committee. The Committee will be asked to prepare and present a work plan to the Board
- YCCS attended a Renewal Kickoff meeting at COS. The current renewal process has been streamlined and will

include 4 domains:

- Academic Performance
- Financial Performance
- Operational Performance
- Future Planning

- The majority of the questions have to do with operational performance and facility compliance. However, each campus will be evaluated individually, campus performance could determine if they will be renewed or not renewed and each campus has to reach certain levels on the SQRP. A campus cannot score a level 2 and have a 3 year average below 2.5.
- Each campus will go through an extensive facility review and CPS will begin conducting facility reviews beginning May 3, 2019 through August 30, 2019.

YCCS needs to develop a 5 year strategic plan as part of the renewal process and YCCS will begin its contracting process with each campus starting in January 2020, following CPS' renewal process.

Board Action

It was motioned to approve the Executive Committee April 25, 2019 Report:

Motioned by Member Lyles Seconded by Member Ward

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

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

X Vote carried 6 Vote did not carry

Closed Session

The Board went into Closed Session at 6:02 p.m.

Board Action

It was motioned to approve the contract for Franczek P.C.:

Motioned by Member Balcazar Seconded by Member Molina Alanis

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

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

X Vote carried 6 Vote did not carry ___

Closed Session

Upon coming out of Closed Session at 6:32 p.m., the Board discussed contract issues and approved the contract for Franczek Legal Firm.

Board Action

It was motioned to approve the Compliance Committee's recommendation to approve the updated YCCS Sexual Violence Policy and Procedures, effective 4.25.2019:

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 6 Vote did not carry ___

Director's Report

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

- Attendance Average - N/A
- 3111 Membership
- 82.48% Immunization
- Homeless Students – N/A
- 87.95% Lunch Form Compliance
- AFA for relocation of YCCS South was withdrawn
- Meeting with Charters and CPS on state funding formula vs. CPS
- Lorraine Cruz is now the Interim Principal at Youth Connection Leadership Academy

Board Action

It was motioned to approve the Director's Report:

Motioned by Member Ward Seconded by Member Balcazar

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

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

X Vote carried **6** Vote did not carry

Board Action

It was motioned to adjourn the Board meeting at 6:42 p.m.:

Motioned by Member Ward Seconded by Member Lyles

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

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

X Vote carried **6** Vote did not carry

Luis Alejandro Molina Alanis, President

Dr. Laura Ruth Johnson, Secretary (absent)
Ronald Hearn, Vice-President

Board Minutes Adopted: May 30, 2019