



Youth Connection Charter School

MINUTES

3/28/2019

5:30 P.M.

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

TYPE OF MEETING	BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING CALLED BY	Vice President Hearn called the meeting to order at 5:39 p.m.
OPENING REMARKS	Welcome
PUBLIC COMMENTS	Phillip Peterson, Program Coordinator-Civic Engagement, presented information on the upcoming YCCS Civic Engagement Culminating Event. Thirteen YCCS campuses are participating and the theme is "What do you want to see to improve your Community". The event will take place on May 2, 2019 from 10:00am - 2:00pm at IIT Hermann Hall (Auditorium). Board members were invited to participate as a judge or panelist and attend the luncheon and awards ceremony.
ROLL CALL	<p>Members in Attendance:</p> <p>Mr. Ronald Hearn, Vice President, Dr. Laura Ruth Johnson, Secretary, Mr. James Lyles, Treasurer, and Members Ms. Christine Bowden, and Mr. Jermaine Morales.</p> <p>Members Absent:</p> <p>Mr. Luis Alejandro Molina Alanis, President, Dr. Fabricio Balcazar, Senior Advisor, and Members Mr. Arthur Ward and Mr. Daniel Jemison.</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, Doris Whittmon, Edwana Rodgers, Dr. Linda Goodwin, Dr. Traci Brown, Kimberly Hopson, Kendall Martin, Phillip Peterson</p> <p>Others/Campuses in Attendance:</p>
AGENDA	Opening Remarks, Public Comments, Roll Call, Reading of February 28, 2019 Board

Meeting Minutes, Executive/Finance Committee Reports, Financial Reports Ended February 28, 2019, Director's Report, Approval of Committee Recommendations and Board Resolutions.

Board Action

It was motioned to table the February 28, 2019 Board meeting minutes until the next Board meeting:

Motioned by Member Lyles Seconded by Member Morales

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 March 13, 2019

In attendance: L. A. Molina Alanis, Chair, Vice President R. Hearn, Dr. L. R. Johnson, Secretary, James Lyles, Treasurer, S. Venson, L. Vaughn, G. Carrera, A. Buabeng, Dr. L. Goodwin, and Dr. T. Brown.

Agenda

- The Union negotiations with Youth Connection Leadership Academy (YCLA) are still in process
- Recruitment/Enrollment
 - There has been a decline in enrollment over the past three years. YCCS' original allocation of seats from CPS is 4,217. At the beginning of this year (2018-2019) the projected enrollment was 3,697. However, at the end of the first semester enrollment cycle there was a decline in enrollment by 88 students, resulting in a loss of \$379,221.
 - At the end of 2nd semester enrollment there was a further decrease of 112 students, resulting in a loss of \$482,646.08. The total net loss for the year is \$861,868.
 - YCCS has provided financial support to campuses to help offset their budgetary losses. However, this is not sustainable. The board will have to come up with a strategy to address the downward enrollment trends.
 - Refer to Finance Committee for further Discussion and Proposal
- **Possible Solutions & Discussion**
 - Non-renewal of Contract, Closure, or Merging of one or more campuses
 - To be discussed at future meeting
 - Set next meeting date

Board Subcommittee Reassignments

Following are the subcommittee reassignments based on results from the last board election:

Officers:

1. President – Luis Alejandro Molina Alanis
2. Vice President – Ronald Hearn
3. Secretary – Laura Ruth Johnson
4. Treasure - James Lyle
5. Senior Advisor – Fabricio Balcazar

Executive Committee

1. Chair – Luis Alejandro Molina Alanis
2. Laura Ruth Johnson
3. Fabricio Balcazar
4. Ronald Hearn

5. James Lyles

Finance Committee

1. Chair - James Lyles (Mentor, Dr. Balcazar)
2. Luis Alejandro Molina Alanis
3. Laura Ruth Johnson
4. Ronald Hearn
5. Daniel Jamison

Compliance Committee

1. Chair – Luis Alejandro Molina Alanis
2. Daniel Jemison

Technology Committee

1. Chair – Luis Alejandro Molina Alanis
(no new committee assignments)

Personnel Committee (Ad Hoc)

Board Development Committee

1. Chair – Christine Bowden
 2. Arthur Ward
 3. Ronald Hearn
 4. Luis Alejandro Molina Alanis
- New Board Member Drive
 - Each Board member will be asked to recruit at least one new member by October 2019
 - Continue training of new board members.
 - Prepare a timeline needed.
 - YCCS Charter Renewal
 - The 2020 renewal process begins April/May 2019
 - The Board has a significant role in that it must decide on the sustainability of the organization, given the downward trend in enrollment.
 - Create a Google Folder and email addresses for Board members by April 1, 2019

Executive/Finance Committee Meeting – March 28, 2019

In attendance: Vice President R. Hearn, Secretary L.R. Johnson, Treasurer J. Lyles, S. Venson, L. Vaughn, G. Carrera, A. Buabeng, L. Goodwin, and T. Brown.

- The Committee discussed the Indigenous Peoples Day Proposal presented by the West Town Academy students and staff at the February 28, 2019 Board meeting. The Board asked that the proposal be presented at the monthly Principals' meeting to be held on March 21, 2019. The students presented the proposal at the Principals' meeting and as a result, 16 principals agreed to support the proposal by signing the petition supporting "Indigenous Peoples Day", the renaming of Christopher Columbus Day to Indigenous Peoples Day.
- YCLA Union negotiations are ongoing
- Presentation of the Financial Report Ended February 28, 2019
 - A meeting is to be scheduled for the week of April 1, 2019 to further discuss the financial reports and Analysis
- CCA Academy loan request in the amount of \$200,000 payable within the next 12 months. The Committee is recommending Board approval.

Board Action

It was motioned to approve the March 13, 2019 Executive/Finance Committee Report:

Motioned by Member Johnson Seconded by Member Morales

There **X** was or ___ was no discussion of the items.
Vote: In favor **X** Opposed ___ Abstained ____
X Vote carried 5 Vote did not carry ____

Executive/Finance Committee Meeting – March 28, 2019

In attendance: Vice President R. Hearn, Secretary L. R. Johnson, Treasurer J. Lyles, S. Venson, L. Vaughn, G. Carrera, A. Buabeng, L. Goodwin, T. Brown.

The Committee indicated that YCCS received votes that were cast by principals renaming Christopher Columbus Day to Indigenous Peoples Day and recommends to the YCCS Board for approval.

Board Action:

It was motioned to approve the West Town Academy students’ proposal renaming Christopher Columbus Day to Indigenous Peoples Day.

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 ____

- Submit a formal notice to West Town Academy on the Board approval of the Indigenous Peoples Day
- The Committee reviewed and discussed the March 13, 2019 Executive/Finance Committee meeting minutes
- Update on the YCLA Union Negotiations
- Presentation of the Financial Report Ended February 28, 2019
 - Schedule a meeting during the week of April 1, 2019 to further discuss the financial reports and analysis
- CCA Academy’s loan request

Board Action

It was motioned to approve the March 28, 2019 Executive/Finance Committee 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 ____

Financial Report Ended February 28, 2019

Comptroller Buabeng presented an overview of the Financial Report Ended February 28, 2019 and an update on Chicago Teachers Pension Fund:

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 ____

Director’s Report

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

- YCCS pursuing the relocation of the Virtual H.S.-K12. There is no current space at Malcolm X or Chicago State University. The location at 5101 S. Keeler. An application has been submitted to CPS and if approved we will begin the process for relocation. The name will be YCCS-South

- 64.63% Attendance Average
- 3344 Membership
- 81.67% Immunization
- 1363 Homeless Students
- 90.41% Lunch Form Compliance
- SQRP monitoring is ongoing. Campuses have received mid-year preliminary data (Winter and Fall STAR testing)
- YCCS Charter Renewal Application is expected to be released at the end of April 2019. In preparation to begin the writing process, campus visits have been scheduled. It is expected that each campus will have to respond to the application.
- The TAOEP Grant Coordinators and Principals attended the Annual ICEARY Conference March 6-8, 2019. Dr. Gattuso introduced Darnell Payne, a long-time educator from Sullivan House High School. Mr. Payne was honored for his 25+ years' work with at-risk students as a teacher, mentor and community activist.
- Since the February Director's Report, there have been 3 students from 2 different campuses (2-West Town and 1-Sullivan House) have were involved in violent shooting incidents.

Board Action

It was motioned to approve the Director's Report:

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 **5** Vote did not carry

Board Action

It was motioned to accept the Committee's recommendation to approve the CCA Academy's loan request in the amount of \$200,000.00 to ensure cash flow to the end of the school year. The loan is to be liquidated within 12 months:

Motioned by Member Lyles Seconded by Member Johnson

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

It was motioned to approve the Board Subcommittee Reassignments:

Motioned by Member Johnson Seconded by Member Morales

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

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

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

It was recommended to form an AdHoc Committee to focus around recruitment and retention. Vice President Hearn and Member Bowden volunteered to work on this committee.

The Board meeting was adjourned at 6:54 p.m.


Luis Alejandro Molina Alanis, President


Dr. Laura Ruth Johnson, Secretary

Board Minutes Adopted: April 25, 2019