



## Youth Connection Charter School Board Meeting

**7/1/2024      5:30 P.M.      VIRTUAL**

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| TYPE OF MEETING   | BOARD OF DIRECTORS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| MEETING CALLED BY | President Molina Alanis called the meeting to order at 5:32p.m.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| OPENING REMARKS   | Welcome                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| PUBLIC COMMENTS   | None                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| ROLL CALL         | <p><b>In attendance:</b> Mr. Luis Alejandro Molina Alanis, President, Dr. Laura Ruth Johnson, Vice President, Mr. James Lyles, Treasurer, Angela Gibson, Secretary, Dr. Fabricio Balcazar, Senior Advisor, and Members, Mr. Arthur Ward, Dr. Richard Blackmon, and Ms. Christine Bowden.</p> <p><b>Absent:</b> Members Dr. Jermaine Morales, and Mr. Daniel Jemison</p> <p><b>A quorum was present.</b></p> |
| STAFF             | <p>Sheila Venson, Executive Director, Larry Vaughn, Assistant Director/Chief of Staff, G. Carrera, A. Buabeng, C. LaGroom, T. Brown, C. Rallins, K. Hopson, D. Santell Cote, L. Smith-Rayfield, R. Williams, A. Ballard, J. Scott, Y. Thomas and E. Morrow.</p> <p>Campuses/Others: N/A</p>                                                                                                                 |

## AGENDA

Opening Remarks, Public Comments, Roll Call, reading of 5.30.2024 Board Meeting Minutes, 6.27.2024 Executive/Finance Committee Report, Financial Report Ending May 31, 2024, 6.27.2024 Directors Report, Board Actions/Resolutions and Adjournment.

### Board Action

It was motioned to approve the May 30, 2024, Board Meeting Minutes:

Motioned by Member **Balcazar** Seconded by Member **Bowden**

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

Vote: In Favor **8** Opposed \_\_\_\_\_ Abstained \_\_\_\_\_

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

### Executive/Finance Committee Report

YCCS staff confirmed Board training and governance updates. CPS will review the documentation tomorrow including annual PD, Open Meetings Act and Conflict of Interest. Board President requested a spreadsheet of the status containing current governance training be sent this evening. Compliance requires ***all*** Board Members to complete this required governance training.

Director Venson shared the renewal process and discussed the new accountability for renewal. Based on the metrics we are not certain where YCCS ends up based upon the changes. The additions now include point systems and indicators over the past three years that are not in our current parameters within our contractual agreement. The site visits now being included are creating a metric in several areas that adversely impact our overall performance and are outside the Charter School law.

The data has just been received from CPS; we were supposed to receive it annually for the past 3 years. The cut points were further discussed by the Executive Finance committee and metrics were reviewed. To meet performance in most areas the cut score is 100% of all the indicators. When YCCS gets more information, it will be shared with the Board. Additionally, the Options Network will apply the metrics retroactively for renewal. The following are the performance areas:

- a. Academic
- b. Financial
- c. Organizational/Governance
- d. Inclusive Programming & Equitable Systems
- e. Areas of Concern-Staff informed the Executive Finance committee about the areas below
  - i. Teacher Certification-Campuses are experiencing difficulties filling teacher vacancies with certified teachers (i.e. Math, Science, SPED and EL/Bilingual). Campuses with concerns are Association House and Chatham Academy, both have long term substitutes to fill in the certification gaps. YCCS will complete a plan for filling vacancies with certified teachers; this is part of the renewal criteria. The teacher shortages were further discussed by the Executive Finance Committee. Additionally, from the budget perspective lower student enrollments also impact teacher gaps
  - ii. EL/SPED

- f. Facilities Report-Director of Operations discussed the compliances for renewal, we have approximately one year to have renovations completed. The Executive Finance Committee reviewed the report and discussed the campus-by-campus details. The architects contracted by CPS are now completing campus visits and YCCS staff will inform us of any findings related to new ADA compliances and/or additional renovations.

The preliminary budget was shared by Dr. Buabeng, CFO, and discussed by the Executive Finance Committee. YCCS' loss in revenue includes grants and enrollment decreases, while retaining costs and programmatic, as we prepare for renewal. The final budget will be prepared in August 2024. The projected/preliminary budget includes support to campuses that needed YCCS support. SPED is underfunded based on the operating costs, the funding does not include all the students that we serve for any given school year, the enrollment snapshot does consider our total number of students enrolled throughout the year. A new auditor has been named and finally, CPS is now auditing our finances; more information will be shared with the Executive Finance Committee upon completion.

Director Venson shared with the Executive Finance Committee a projected sustainability analysis report-based enrollment, revenue and. The Executive Finance Committee discussed possible solutions (i.e. campuses consolidation). She requested a special Finance meeting for the unpacking of this-to include a 5-year projection and strategic plan as part of the renewal process.

**Next Steps-Special Finance Meeting** -July 16<sup>th</sup> 10 am

YCCS staff shared the insurance proposals submitted, and new market rates were discussed by the Executive Finance Committee. The comparison analysis from last year to next year was presented for commercial insurance. The resolution will be approved in the regular board meeting.

#### Board Action

It was motioned to approve the Executive/Finance Committee Report:

Motioned by Member Lyles Seconded by Member Ward

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

Vote: In Favor 8 Opposed \_\_\_ Abstained \_\_\_

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

#### Board Action

It was motioned to approve and accept the resignation of Member Daniel Jemison as of June 20, 2024.

Motioned by Member Gibson Seconded by Member Lyles

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

Vote: In Favor 8 Opposed \_\_\_ Abstained \_\_\_

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

### 1. Facilities and Budget Discussions

- The facilities report included updates on renovations and compliance requirements. - The preliminary annual budget was presented, showing a deficit due to revenue and enrollment challenges. - A special finance committee meeting was scheduled to discuss sustainability and potential campus consolidations. - Commercial insurance renewals were reviewed, showing a 13% increase in premiums.

### 2. Board Member Resignation and Calendar Approval

- The resignation of board member Daniel Jemison was accepted.  
- The proposed board meeting calendar for the next fiscal year was approved unanimously.

### 3. Internet Safety Policy Amendment

- A resolution to amend the existing Internet Safety Policy (SIPA) was presented and approved.

### 4. Financial Statement Presentation

- The unaudited financial statement for May 31, 2024, was presented, showing an expected deficit of over \$1 million. - Key financial ratios and independent contractor payments were discussed.

### 5. Board Actions and Resolutions

- The board approved the executive finance committee report and the preliminary annual budget. - A resolution stating the board's position on the renewal process was approved unanimously.

## **FY25 Preliminary Budget**

Comptroller Buabeng presented the FY25 Preliminary Budget for review and discussion.

### **Board Action**

It was motioned to approve the FY25 Preliminary Annual Budget:

Motioned by Member **Lyles** Seconded by Member **Bowden**

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

Vote: In Favor **8** Opposed \_\_\_ Abstained \_\_\_

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

## **Financial Report**

Comptroller Buabeng presented Financial Reports Ending May 31, 2024, for review and discussion.

### **Board Action**

It was motioned to approve the Financial Reports Ending May 31, 2024:

Motioned by Member **Lyles** Seconded by Member **Bowden**

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

Vote: In Favor **8** Opposed \_\_\_ Abstained \_\_\_

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

## **Directors Report**

In lieu of summarizing the Directors Report (all board members have a copy), Executive Director Venson highlighted and thanked Dr. Balcazar for his part in including Youth Connection Charter School as part of a study of civic engagement activities. The article has been published in the SCRA.

### Board Action

It was motioned to approve the 2024-2025 YCCS Board Meeting Calendar:

Motioned by: Member Gibson Seconded by: Member Johnson

There was or X was no discussion of the items.

Vote: In Favor 8 Opposed \_\_\_\_\_ Abstained \_\_\_\_\_

X Vote carried 8 Vote did not carry

### Board Action

It was motioned to approve the 2024-2025 YCCS Commercial Insurance Renewals:

Motioned by: Member Bowden Seconded by: Member Lyles

There was or X was no discussion of the items.

Vote: In Favor 8 Opposed \_\_\_\_\_ Abstained \_\_\_\_\_

X Vote carried 8 Vote did not carry

### Board Action

It was motioned to approve the E-Rate CIPA Amendment:

Motioned by: Member Bowden Seconded by: Member Ward

There was or X was no discussion of the items.

Vote: In Favor 8 Opposed \_\_\_\_\_ Abstained \_\_\_\_\_

X Vote carried 8 Vote did not carry

It was motioned to approve YCCS's Board Position on Renewal:

Motioned by: Member Gibson Seconded by: Member Lyles

There was or X was no discussion of the items.

Vote: In Favor 8 Opposed \_\_\_\_\_ Abstained \_\_\_\_\_

X Vote carried 8 Vote did not carry

### Board Action

It was motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:22pm:

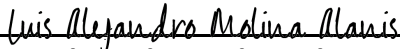
Motioned by: Member Gibson Seconded by: Member Lyles

There was or X was no discussion of the items.

Vote: In Favor 8 Opposed \_\_\_\_\_ Abstained \_\_\_\_\_

X Vote carried 8 Vote did not carry

**Board Minutes Adopted: August 29, 2024**

DocuSigned by:  
  
Luis Alejandro Molina Alanis, President

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Angela Gibson, Secretary