



## Youth Connection Charter School Board Meeting

**9/26/2024 5:30 P.M. VIRTUAL**

TYPE OF MEETING	BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING CALLED BY	President Molina 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, Jr., Ms. Christine Bowden and Dr. Jermaine Morales.</p> <p><b>Absent:</b> N/A</p> <p><b>A quorum was present.</b></p>
STAFF	<p>Sheila Venson, Executive Director, L. Vaughn, G. Carrera, A. Buabeng, T. Brown, C. Rallins, K. Hopson, C. LaGroon, G. Alejos, L. Smith-Rayfield, A. Ballard, Y. Thomas and E. Morrow.</p> <p>Campuses/Others: N/A</p>
AGENDA	Opening Remarks, Public Comments, Roll Call, reading of 8.29.2024 Board Meeting Minutes, 9.26.2024 Executive/Finance Committee Report, Financial Reports Ending August 31, 2024, Closed Session – Contractual Issue, Board Actions/Resolutions and Adjournment.

## Board Action

It was motioned to approve the August 29, 2024, Board Meeting Minutes:

Motioned by Member Lyles Seconded by Member Gibson

There was or X was no discussion of the item.

Vote: In Favor 9 Opposed \_\_\_\_ Abstained \_\_\_\_

**X** Vote carried 9 Vote did not carry \_\_\_\_

## Executive/Finance Committee Report

### 1. CPS Renewal Update

- a. Performance-The Executive and Finance Committee discussed and reviewed the current YCCS projected performance. YCCS Executive Director, Sheila Venson will bring back more updates next month.
- b. Teacher Certification-The Executive Director, Sheila Venson shared the data with the Executive and Finance Committee. She shared the metric which means we must meet at 100% to be considered meeting. Based upon that YCCS does not meet in this area. However, to contextualize this reflects a total of four teachers out of 300 teachers annually.

### 2. Town Hall(s) Update / Board Assignments-The Executive and Finance Committee discussed YCCS structure for the town hall meetings. Additionally, the roles and responsibilities of each Board members that is attending. Virtual access is also available, President Molinas will participate through zoom access. YCCS will send a separate email and invitation to invite all Board Members. *Please note, Board Members will have two minutes' speaking time on the agenda during each town hall meeting.* President Molinas will request other Board members to volunteer to speak at the townhalls listed below during regular session.

- Far South-James Lyles, Oct. 1
- Humboldt Park/North -Dr. Laura Johnson, Oct. 5
- West (TBD)
- CYDI (TBD)
- Mid-South (TBD)

### 3. Compliance-The Executive and Finance Committee discussed the following:

- a. Williams Youth Services (Chatham Academy) Report- Board charged YCCS to secure the three outstanding audits. All audits have been received as of 8/2024. The audits reflected a qualified opinion due to their inability to substantiate some expenses/expenditures, meaning records remain outstanding and cannot be verified this does not include YCCS funds. resources The discussion around corrective actions was held to determine the next steps: Dr. Buabeng will lead the strategy to improve fiscal management and audit compliance. YCCS staff will work with the Finance Committee Chair, James Lyles, on developing a letter to Williams Youth Services and their Board, a follow-up will be provided to the Executive & Finance Committee.

### 4. CPS Updates-Executive Director, Sheila Venson shared with the Executive & Finance Committee a letter from our attorney relative to CPS Options Network continued communication YCCS campuses since being placed in Options Network. The Executive & Finance Committee explored strategies and options to resolve the issues and will further this discussion with all Board members.

### 5. Discussion

- a. Board Meeting will enter a Closed Session for the purposes of contract issues.

## Board Action

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

Motioned by Member Lyles Seconded by Member Johnson

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

Vote: In Favor 9 Opposed \_\_\_ Abstained \_\_\_

**X** Vote carried 9 Vote did not carry

## Board Meeting

The meeting began with a quorum check and approval of previous meeting minutes.

The agenda covered topics like the CPS renewal update, projected performance, teacher certification issues, and board assignments for upcoming town hall meetings.

There was compliance issues reported with Chatham Academy (Williams Youth Services), including three audits with qualified opinions due to missing records. The board discussed the need for a strategy to improve fiscal management and audit compliance. The financial report showed a strong cash flow position, with a current ratio of 2.01 and a quick ratio of 1.44.

The board then went into a closed session at 5:46 PM to discuss contractual issues.

## Financial Report

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

## Board Action

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

Motioned by: Member Johnson Seconded by: Member Gibson

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

Vote: In Favor 9 Opposed \_\_\_ Abstained \_\_\_

**X** Vote carried 9 Vote did not carry

## Director's Report

The Director's Report for September was not on the agenda and therefore was not discussed during this meeting. However, a copy was provided to all board directors for their review.

## Board Action

The meeting was moved to Closed Session at 5:46 PM CST.

## Board Action

It was motioned to end the closed session and adjourn the meeting at 6:24 PM CST:

Motioned by: Member Bowden Seconded by: Member Gibson

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

Vote: In Favor 9 Opposed \_\_\_ Abstained \_\_\_

**X** Vote carried 9 Vote did not carry

Board Minutes Adopted: October 31, 2024

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Luis Alejandro Molina Alanis, President

Signed by:  
  
Angela Gibson, Secretary