

SPECIAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

The Eugenio Maria de Hostos Charter School Board of Trustees met on Tuesday, October 30, 2023. Board Chairman, Mr. Julio Vázquez, called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. A quorum was established.

Board Members Present:

Julio Vázquez, Dr. Marcia DeJesús-Rueff, Angélica Pérez-Delgado, Dr. Miriam Vázquez, Ryan Caster, Miguel Meléndez, and Nelida Torres.

Board Member Absent:

Eugenio Marlin

School Staff & Others Present:

Sandra Chevalier-Blackman, Nikki Kersbergen, Wanda Serrano, Karen Lynch, Emily Monnat, Rosemary Johnson, and Gloria Soldevila.

PUBLIC INPUT:

No public input.

Mr. Vázquez changed the order of the agenda to begin with the 2023 Financial Audit. Due to timing, the audit was not presented to the Audit Committee as it is due into SUNY on November 1, 2023.

FINANCIAL AUDIT

Two representatives from Bonadio & Co., LLP – Ms. Karen Lynch and Ms. Emily Monnat presented the 2023 Financial Audit. The audit findings indicated that there were significant improvements in the preparedness for the audit, no material weaknesses were identified and that the school's financial statement is strong.

The Audit Committee will comprise of Mr. Vázquez, Dr. Vázquez, and Dr. DeJesús-Rueff. Mr. Caster can't be part of the Audit Committee as it is a conflict of interest due to EMHCS doing business with the accounting firm he works for – FreedMaxick.

The 2023 Financial Audit was presented for approval. Ms. Pérez-Delgado moved the motion, and Dr. DeJesús-Rueff seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS

September's board meeting minutes were presented for approval. Mr. Caster moved the motion, and Ms. Torres seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Nominated Parent Representative

During the last PTO, two parent representatives were nominated for the two board parent representatives. The nominated parent representative is Rosemary Johnson and Gloria Soldevila.

Mr. Vázquez and board attendees thanked the current parent board representative, Ms. Nelida Torres, for the two years of service she has provided to the board. Ms. Torres will remain active on the board until her term expires.

Mr. Vázquez and the board chairs will conduct a new board member orientation with both new parent representatives after their acceptance from SUNY. Ms. Serrano will schedule a meeting for next month.

The two parent representatives, Ms. Rosemary Johnson and Ms. Glorida Soldevila, were presented for approval. Ms. Torres moved the motion, and Mr. Meléndez seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Executive Session

The board went into Executive Session to discuss the CEO's annual evaluation. After discussing and reaching consensus, Mr. Vázquez adjourned the executive session and members returned to the board meeting to take an official vote.

The CEO annual evaluation draft was presented for approval. Dr. Vázquez moved the motion, and Ms. Pérez-Delgado seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Old Business

No old business.

New Business

No new business.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Vázquez requested a motion to adjourn the meeting with no other business to discuss. Ms. Pérez-Delgado moved the motion, and Mr. Meléndez seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

NEXT MEETING:

The next Board Meeting will be on Tuesday, November 28, 2023; the meeting location will be at the Administrative Office at 977 Joseph Avenue, conference room, Rochester, NY 14621.

Respectfully submitted,

Angélica Pérez-Delgado
Board Secretary