



## Minutes

The American Dream Charter School  
Board Meeting  
March 16, 2017 @ 6:00 PM  
at 510 E 141st St. New York, NY 10454

**Board Members Present:** Z. Martinez, L. Rojas, D. Vargas, R. Espinal, A. Cabrera (participated remotely)  
**Guests:** M. Melkonian, N. Gallagher (participated remotely)

### I. OPENING ITEMS

- A. calling meeting order at 6:14 - L. Rojas
  - a) Seconded D. Vargas
- 2. Motion to approve Minutes
  - a) seconded by Roselin
    - (1) Minutes unanimously approved

### II. EXECUTIVE

- B. 3/15 SED visit summary - M. Melkonian
  - 1. Paolo and Jennifer interviewed parents, leadership team, board then did 2 hours of classroom visits. Took lots of notes. No on the spot feedback. They expressed satisfaction. Commented on ADS's strong & informed Board.
- C. NYSED - M. Melkonian
  - 1. We were approved for high school on Monday 3/13
    - a) Announced to parents yesterday
    - b) DOE high school acceptance letters were also distributed
- D. March 30th @ 6pm Board Chair event with LCLR group - M. Melkonian
  - 1. Latino Charter Leaders Roundtable Board Chair Event
    - Location: The Princeton Club of New York, 15 West 43rd Street, New York, NY, US, 10036
    - Confirmation number: 607672039
      - a) L. Rojas registered for this, Z. Martinez and A. Cabrera said they would attend this also. They will register
- E. New Board Candidate Janelle Coy Next Steps- N. Gallagher
  - 1. Ask her when the next time she'll be in NYC
- F. Approve 990 - N. Gallagher
  - 1. Motion to approve the 990
    - a) Seconded by Z. Martinez
    - b) Unanimously approved
- G. NYC Charter School Board Member Training
  - 1. A panel discussion with charter board consultants and school evaluators discussing the tools for analyzing academic data and teacher evaluation systems, plus appraising the performance of the head-of-school. Sponsored by the NYCDOE Office of School Design and Charter Partnerships, the NYSED Charter School Office, the SUNY Charter School Institute, and the NYC Charter School Center.



- a) WHEN: Thursday, April 6 at 2 pm
  - b) WHERE: NYC Charter School Center, 111 Broadway, Rm 604, New York
  - c) WHO: Board chairs and members leading academic oversight committees
2. Conference call to discuss Civic Builders on 21st at 3:30

### III. OPERATIONS

- H. Staffing Update - N. Gallagher
  1. Full Time Instructional Staff: 26 (not including - Speech Therapist)
  2. Full Time School Support: 2 (not including 1 social work intern)
  3. Full Time Operations Staff: 6
  4. Full Time School Leadership staff: 3
    - a) Total of 37 Full time Staff
- I. Student Enrollment- N. Gallagher
  1. 237

### IV. FINANCE

- J. Account balances - N. Gallagher
  1. Chase Checking
  2. Chase Savings
  3. Escrow

### V. CLOSING ITEMS

- K. Motion to Adjourn Meeting - L. Rojas
  1. Seconded - Z. Martinez
    - a) meeting adjourned at 6:57
    - b) unanimously approved