



**BOARD MEETING FOR THE ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL**

**May 26, 2022**

**Time:** 6:30 PM – 7:15 PM

**Location:** Virtual Meeting (Zoom Webinar)

**Facilitator:** Robert T. Stewart, Chairman of the Board of Trustees

**Board Secretary:** Shanakay Walker

**Trustees in Attendance:** Stephen Rowley, Dale James, Dorothy Burton, Dawn West, Carol Beckles, Claudette Harrison, Marie Graham, Roderick Roberts.

**Others Present:** Barrington Goldson (President and Chief Executive Officer) Wayne Haughton (Chief Development Officer), Nicholas Stapleton (Chief Academic Officer), Alwayne Burke (Chief Group Financial Officer), Felicia Barracks (Chief Strategic Development Officer).

Chairman Stewart called for the President and Chief Executive Officer's Report.

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**Report/Reporter:** President and Chief Executive Officer's Report

**Person Responsible:** Bishop Barrington Goldson

**Action Items:** None

**Conclusion:** Bishop Goldson provided the Board with the highlights from his report. He addressed the golf fundraising event that will take place on August 29, 2022. He is asking for full support so that the event can be a success. On May 21, Mr. Haughton, Dr. Stapleton, and Dr. Pierre-Louis went to present to a group who would like to contribute to the CTE program to provide scholarship and funding. Bishop Goldson acknowledged Trustee Dale James and Vice Chair West who was able to secure partnership funding for the golf fundraising event. He thanked Mr. Henry and Mr. Burke for helping to make sure the planning for the golf fundraising event is a success. The massacre that occurred in the Uvalde TX school was mentioned and he sent his thoughts and prayers to the families of the loved ones who lost their lives in the tragedy. He stated that he contacted police for extra security to ensure that our scholars and staff are protected.

Chairman Stewart requested a motion to accept the President and Chief Executive Officer's Report. Motioned by Trustee Roberts, seconded by Trustee Rowley.

The floor was opened for questions or comments for the President and Chief Executive Officer's Report.

Chairman Stewart called for the Chief Development Officer's Report.

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**Report:** Chief Development Officer's Report

**Person Responsible:** Wayne Haughton

**Action Items:** None

**Conclusion:** Mr. Haughton provided the Board with highlights from his report. The funding protocol is completed with our partner Charter School Growth Fund. We are expecting the first disbursement very shortly. Construction projects are being done and will be completed on time. The Uniondale project is currently on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor and the decking and flooring have all been completed. They are currently working on the internal structure for the walls. The lower two concourse decks are completed. In the next couple of weeks, the perimeter will be worked on so that the interior can be fully completed. The scholar outreach is ongoing for Hempstead, Uniondale, and Wyandanch. In Wyandanch, last Saturday, the Academy hosted a day in which the Academy staff came together to have the community learn about the school and what we have to offer, and it was a success. Dr. Stapleton, Mr. Curtis, Dr. Pierre-Louis and myself went to present to a foundation group in Connecticut. It was very successful, and they were impressed with what the Academy is doing, and they promised to partner with the Academy financially, as well as give us added technology for the CTE program. Enrollment for Hempstead and Uniondale is ongoing. We initiated the IT protocols, securing all the necessary materials needed and to ensure all infrastructures are prepared and ready for next year. We are about to enter the summer schedule as far as maintenance of all buildings. We will work through all our buildings during the summertime to do all necessary repairs. We have completed all requests by the fire marshal, and we are currently waiting for a date for them to do a second walkthrough.

Chairman Stewart requested a motion to accept the Chief Development Officer's Report.  
Motedioned by Trustee Rowley, seconded by Trustee Harrison.

The floor was opened for questions or comments for the Chief Development Officer.

Chairman Stewart called for the Chief Academic Officer's Report.

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**Report/Reporter:** Chief Academic Officer's Report.

**Person Responsible:** Dr. Nicholas Stapleton

**Action Items:**

**Deadlines:**

**Conclusion:** Dr. Stapleton provided the Board with the highlights from his report. He recently met with the Charter's authorizer, the Charter School Institute. He met with the Board Chair and senior executive team regarding the renewal cycle for the Academy Charter School – Uniondale 2022-2023 school year. Traditionally, Hempstead and Uniondale are on the same cycle for renewal. The application is due August 16, 2022. According to the charter organizer, Academy – Uniondale will be renewed for one year and then the following year, 2023-2024, they will come back and do the entire network. They want to ensure that both schools are on the same cycle for the 2023-2024 school year. He asked if the trustees have any recommendations that they do share it with the Academic committee of the Board and if there are any suggestions, he will incorporate it during the application. Regarding summer school, NYSED released a guide for the 2022

summer school program, and they made recommendations in three areas: make academic gains, provide enrichment activities, and provide social and emotional services to scholars. Based on the recommendations provided, we created programs separately for elementary, middle, and high school. For example: Academy – Hempstead and Uniondale Elementary will have a 4-week program from July 5<sup>th</sup> – July 28<sup>th</sup> Mondays to Thursdays, 8 hours a day. Two of those hours, in the morning will be devoted to teaching the CORE subjects such as reading and math, and in the afternoon, it will include art, music, STEM, sports and field trips. At the middle schools, the academic program is similar, but it will be a 6-hour program. The high school program will go for six weeks: July 5<sup>th</sup> – August 11<sup>th</sup>. The focus is to make up any gaps for scholars who did not do well on the Regents exams. There will be onboarding for all new scholars in the middle school – Uniondale, and high school in terms of learning the Academy culture. All college commitments have been finalized. Three scholars were accepted to attend Cornell University. The NYSED has advised that regent exam grades should not be used for promotion and graduation.

Chairman Stewart requested a motion to accept the Chief Academic Officer’s Report. Motioned by Trustee Harrison, seconded by Trustee Graham.

The floor was opened for questions or comments on the Chief Academic Officer’s report.

Chairman Stewart called to receive a motion for the Chief People and Legal Officer’s Report in her absence.

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Chairman Stewart requested a motion to accept the Chief People and Legal Officer’s Report. Motioned by Trustee Rowley, seconded by Trustee Beckles.

Chairman Stewart called for the Group Chief Financial Officer’s Report.

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**Report:** Group Chief Financial Officer  
**Person Responsible:** Alwayne Burke  
**Action Items:** None

**Conclusion:** Mr. Burke provided the Board with highlights from his report. The budget for the school year is balanced. The year to date continues to be positive. The balance sheet is stable as of April 2022, the assets are adequate, and there are set-aside required debt reserved funds for the bonds. For the accounts receivable, 98% of those are less than 60 days and continue to meet the ratio expected by our authorizers, the Charter School Institute..

Chairman Stewart requested a motion to accept the Group Chief Financial Officer’s Report. Motioned by Trustee Roberts, seconded by Trustee Rowley.

## Resolutions

Resolutions hereafter was given a document number and voted on by Board of Trustees accordingly. Additionally, Chairman Stewart had each trustee vote individually on each resolution.

- **Resolution 5001-2022** – Unanimously passed by the Board of Trustees  
Re: May Monthly Financial Committee Report
- **Resolution 5002-2022** - Unanimously passed by the Board of Trustees  
Re: Budget
- **Resolution 5003-2022** - Unanimously passed by the Board of Trustees  
Re: Amendment of retirement plan trustee
- **Resolution 5004-2022** - Unanimously passed by the Board of Trustees  
Re: Amendment of the retirement plan

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With no further questions or comments, Board Chairman Stewart requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motioned by Trustee Graham, seconded by Trustee West.

Board Chairman Stewart thanked everyone for attending. He gave all the Trustees an opportunity to greet all attendees at the Board Meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 6:57 pm.