

# THE CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL FOR LAW AND SOCIAL JUSTICE



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## **Minutes–Board of Trustees Meeting March 17, 2022, 6:00 p.m.**

In-person: John Callahan

By Zoom Conferencing: Denis ORourke, Dan Sang, Linnet Tse,  
Sarah Fuentes, Jumaane Saunders, Charmone Adams

Absent:, Christian Bannerman, Janine Azrilliant, Rick Marsico

In-person-, Executive Director Richard Burke, Ms. Sharpe, Dir. SPED,

Welcome and Call to Order- Mr. John Callahan welcomed and called the Meeting to Order at 6:05 PM, thanked everyone for attending,

Mr. Callahan thanked everyone who participated in the 5 PM Zoom call with 5 PM-  
Maureen Coughlin, IGUA Group Inc. Expansion Real Estate Discussion

Mr. Callahan asked if anyone had any questions about Consent Agenda and mentioned that the School's 2020 990 filing was in the consent agenda, which the Finance Committee had approved. The consent agenda had no comments, and it was accepted.

Mr. Callahan turned it over to Mr. Burke, who moved to review the Financials. He stated that the Finance Committee had met on March 15 and reviewed all the financials.

### Financials-

Mr. Burke began reviewing the financials and shared his screen. Mr. Burke said our finances showed we had 166 days of cash (\$5,346,827.00). Mr. Burke stated that the February financials showed a deficit as they did in January. Still, the budget had included using \$509,000 of the surplus to cover the debt, which was not in the January financials, but it does show we are not incurring a deficit as large as projected in the budget. This is mainly due to the difficulty in filling open positions or getting outside intervention help.

### Executive Director Report:

Mr. Burke spoke about coming out of the Omnicron Covid surge and continuing our aggressive testing protocols.

He spoke about the need for the Winter Break, which gave everyone some time to relax from the pressure-filled return to School after the Christmas break and the Omnicron wave. Mr. Burke talked about the difficulty in hiring and a downturn in



applications for the lottery, but he felt we would have a full class of 9<sup>th</sup> graders in September. He said Teach For America still had not confirmed they would hold their institute here in the summer and run our summer school. He discussed that Shared Space would be doing another walkthrough in the coming month, and we were preparing for the regents exam. He said that Saturday Regents Prep would b

Chairman Report -Mr. Callahan then discussed the real estate discussion and the visit coming up from the realtor and some developers on March 23, and he invited anyone in the area to come. Mr. Callahan reviewed the need for Evaluations of Shared Space and the Executive Director and would be sending out info in the coming month. He said they would use BoardOnTrack's like in past years. He spoke about another Board Retreat, maybe in October. Mr. Callahan went into SED visit and how Vickie is looking to meet with Board, parents, teachers and students. He also spoke to the Expansion Committee and Mr. Sanders participated in the discussion and when he would call them together.

Mr. Callahan then called for Committee Reports-

Finance-Mr. Callahan reported that we had discussed the Finance Committee earlier, and there was a meeting this past Tuesday.

Governance- Mr. Callahan said they met and discussed the Expansion Committee and its responsibilities.

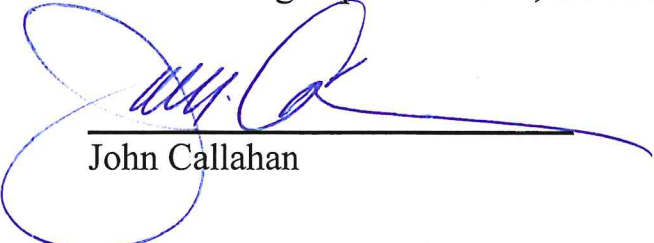
Academic Committee- Ms. Fuentes said the Academic Committee did not meet and would after they received the Shared Space Walkthrough in March.

Fundraising Committee-Mr. Callahan spoke about the fact that the person we thought I would be honored to be unavailable, so we are thinking of just having a small cocktail party at the School to showcase the art and the backyard.

New Business: Mr. Callahan said there was no new business. Mr. Callahan stated there was no public comment and called for a motion to adjourn.

Mr. O'Rourke moved to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Tse, and approved at 7:45 PM.

Next Meeting: April 21, 2022, 6:00 PM.

  
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 John Callahan

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