

EMPOWERMENT ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL
Board of Trustees Regular Meeting
Thursday, August 8, 2024, 7:30PM
240 Ege Avenue
Jersey City, New Jersey 07304

Minutes

A. Call to Order

B. Welcome

C. Roll Call

Present: L. Sobel, T. Ogorzalek, D. Kabiawu

Absent: M. Zaslower, T. Gallagher

Bret Schundler, Acting Head Dean

Angela Thomas, Director of Curriculum

Richard Raschdorf, School Business Administrator

Robert Seetaram, Director of Operations

D. Approval of July 11,2024 Minutes

Motion: T. Ogorzalek Seconded: D. Kabiawu

Approved: L. Sobel, D. Kabiawu, T. Ogorzalek,

No: None

Absent: M. Zaslower, T. Gallagher

Abstain: None

E. Human Resources

1. **24-08-08-01 Resolved**, The EA Board of Trustees approves of the SY25 New Hires effective per Start Date noted on Appendix A, Schedule 1.
2. **24-08-08-02 Resolved**, The EA Board of Trustees approves of the SY25 Replacement Contracts effective per Start Date noted on Appendix A, Schedule 2.
3. **24-08-08-03 Resolved**, The EA Board of Trustees approves of the SY25 Stipends effective per Start Date noted on Appendix A, Schedule 3.
4. **24-08-08-04 Resolved**, The EA Board of Trustees approves of SY25 Summer School Stipends be paid with ESEA Title IA funds to the Personnel listed on Appendix A Schedule 4.
5. **24-08-08-05 Resolved**, The EA Board of Trustees approves of the following Resignations/Termination with the effective dates listed per Appendix A Schedule 5.

F. Business

1. **24-08-08-06 Resolved**, The EA Board of Trustees approves the Payment of Claims in the amount \$766,036.59 for the period 8/02/24 – 9/01/24.
2. **24-08-08-07 Resolved**, The EA Board of Trustees authorizes the School Business Administrator to fund the Payrolls of August 15,2024 in the amount of \$350,000 and August 31 ,2024 in the amount of \$350,000, respectively. Employer Taxes are included in each Payroll.
3. **24-08-08-08 Resolved**, The EA Board of Trustees approves the SY24 Treasurer’s Report for July 2024.
4. **24-08-08-09 Resolved**, The EA Board of Trustees authorizes the School Business Administrator to enter into an agreement with Maschio Food Services Inc for SY25 to provide Breakfast and Lunch to students at all campuses. The Total Cost of the contract is \$617,940.98 and the contract is without guarantee with a Total Management Fee of \$27,494.50.
4. **24-08-08-10 Resolved**, The EA Board of Trustees authorizes the School Business Administrato and the Board President to enter into an agreement with Educational Services Commission of NJ for Child Study Team Evaluation Services. Approximate cost is \$98,347 with a 50% Deposit of \$49,173.50.
5. **24-08-08-11 Resolved**, The EA Board of Trustees approves of accepting and submitting to the NJ DOE the SY25 ESEA Application for the following:

Title I	\$897,093
Title II	\$ 59,463
Title III	\$ 23,110
Title III Immigrant	\$ 4,768
Title IV	\$ 56,606
6. **24-08-08-12 Resolved**, The EA Board of Trustees approves transferring from Title IV to Title I the amount of \$56,606 thereby increasing the amount of Title I to \$953,699 for SY25.
7. **24-08-08-13 Resolved**, The EA Board of Trustees approves of accepting and submitting to the NJ DOE the SY25 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act Application for the following:

IDEA Basic	\$283,715
IDEA PreSchool	\$ 5,062
8. **24-08-08-14 Resolved**, The EA Board of Trustees approves transferring from Title IV to Title I the amount of \$56,606 thereby increasing the amount of Title I to \$953,699 for SY25.
9. **24-08-08-15 Resolved**, The EA Board of Trustees approves the SY25 Events & Budget

amounts for each Academy as follows:

Events & Budget - Elementary	\$5,750
Events & Budget - Middle School	\$5,800
Events & Budget - High School	\$3,900

10. **24-08-08-16 Resolved**, The EA Board of Trustees approves the correction of July 13, 2023 Minutes where the allocation amount of SY24 IDEA PreSchool was stated as \$58,008 instead of the correct amount of \$4,906.