

**EMPOWERMENT ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL**  
**Board of Trustees Regular Meeting**  
**Thursday, October 10, 2024, 7:30PM**  
**240 Ege Avenue**  
**Jersey City, New Jersey 07304**

**Minutes**

**A. Call to Order**

**B. Welcome**

**C. Roll Call**

Present: M. Zaslower, L. Sobel, T. Ogorzalek, T. Gallagher, D. Kabiawu  
Absent: None

Bret Schundler, Acting Head Dean  
Angela Thomas, Director of Education  
Richard Raschdorf, School Business Administrator  
Bobby Seetaram, Director of Operations

**D. Approval of September 12,2024 Minutes**

Motion: L. Sobel      Seconded: T. Gallagher

Approved: M. Zaslower, L. Sobel, T. Ogorzalek T. Gallagher  
Absent: None  
Abstain: D. Kabiawu

**E. Policies**

Roll Call Vote for Item 1

Motion: T. Gallagher      Seconded: D. Kabiawu

Approved: M. Zaslower, L. Sobel, T. Ogorzalek T. Gallagher, D. Kabiawu  
Absent: None

- 1. 24-10-10-01 Resolved,** The EA Board of Trustees approves the SY25 Substance Abuse Policy

**F. Human Resources**

Roll Call Vote for Items 1 - 5

Motion: D. Kabiawu      Seconded: T. Gallagher

Approved: M. Zaslower, L. Sobel, T. Ogorzalek T. Gallagher, D. Kabiawu  
Absent: None

1. **24-10-10-02 Resolved**, The EA Board of Trustees approves of the SY25 New Hires effective per Start Date noted on Appendix A, Schedule 1.
2. **24-10-10-03 Resolved**, The EA Board of Trustees approves of the SY25 Replacement Contracts effective per Start Date noted on Appendix A, Schedule 2.
3. **24-10-10-04 Resolved**, The EA Board of Trustees approves of the SY25 Stipends effective per Start Date noted on Appendix A, Schedule 3.
4. **24-10-10-05 Resolved**, The EA Board of Trustees approves of the following Resignations/Termination with the effective dates listed per Appendix A Schedule 4.
5. **24-10-10-06 Resolved**, The EA Board of Trustees approves the listed SY25 Stipends effective per Start Date noted on Appendix A, Schedule 5

## **G. Business**

Roll Call Vote for Items 1 - 4

Motion: M. Zaslower      Seconded: Ogorzalek

Approved: M. Zaslower, L. Sobel, T. Ogorzalek T. Gallagher, D. Kabiawu  
Absent: None

1. **24-10-10-07 Resolved**, The EA Board of Trustees approves the Payment of Claims in the amount \$1,112,961.48 for the period 10/02/24 – 11/01/24.
2. **24-10-10-08 Resolved**, The EA Board of Trustees authorizes the School Business Administrator to fund the Payrolls of October 15,2024 in the amount of \$850,000 and October 31 2024 in the amount of \$850,000, respectively. Employer Taxes are included in each Payroll.
3. **24-10-1-08 Resolved**, The EA Board of Trustees approves the Board Secretary Report for September 2024
4. **24-10-10-09 Resolved**, The EA Board of Trustees approves the SY24 Treasurer's Report for September 2024.

## **L. Field Trips**

Roll Call Vote for Item 1

Motion: M. Zaslower      Seconded: Ogorzalek

Approved: M. Zaslower, L. Sobel, T. Ogorzalek T. Gallagher, D. Kabiawu

Absent: None

1. **24-10-10-10 Resolved**, The EA Board of Trustees approve the following Field Trips:

Grade	Date	Location	Address	Cost to School
Kindergarten	10/29/24	Wightman Farms	1111 Mt Kemble Ave, Morristown, NJ 07960	\$2150.00
1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	10/29/24	Imagine That!	4 Vreeland Park Florham Park, NJ 07932	\$3148.50
2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	10/29/24	Wightman Farms	1111 Mt Kemble Ave, Morristown, NJ 07960	\$2150.00
3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	10/29/24	Alstede Farms	1 Alstede Farms Lane Chester, NJ	\$3,000.00
4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	10/29/24	Waterfront Museum	290 Conover St. Brooklyn, NY	\$1850.00
5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	10/30/24	Museum of Math	11 East 26th Street New York, NY 10010	\$2700.00
6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	10/30/24	Liberty SC	222 Jersey City Blvd, Jersey City NJ	\$2812.50
7 <sup>th</sup> Grade	10/30/24	Skyzone Trampoline	22 US-22 Springfield, NJ	\$3600.00
8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	10/30/24	SpyScape	250 W 55TH ST BSMT C1 New York, NY 10019	\$3100.00
8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	01/22/25	Intrepid Museum	Pier 86 @ 12th Avenue & 46th New York, NY 10036	\$2115.00
9 <sup>th</sup> Grade	10/15/24	Bronx Zoo	2300 Southern Blvd. Bronx, NY 10460	\$2565.00
10 <sup>th</sup> Grade	10/15/24	Bronx Zoo	2300 Southern Blvd. Bronx, NY 10460	\$2565.00