

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