

**Empowerment Academy Charter School
Board of Trustees Regular Meeting
Thursday, February 11, 2021 7:30 pm
240 Ege Avenue
Jersey City, NJ 07304**

Minutes

A. Call to Order

- B. In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq., adequate notification of this meeting has been provided by advertising in the Jersey Journal and the Jersey City Reporter, and by posting in the Public Library at 472 Jersey Avenue, Jersey City.

C. Roll Call

Board Member	Present	Absent
Monica Zaslower	X	
Jermaine Pharmes	X	
Tom Gallagher	X	
Lonnie Sobel	X	
Thomas Ogorzalek		X

D. Approval of January 14, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Motion: Thomas Gallagher

Second: Monica Zaslower

Board Member	Yea	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Monica Zaslower	X			
Jermaine Pharmes	X			
Tom Gallagher	X			
Lonnie Sobel	X			
Thomas Ogorzalek			X	

E. COVID-19 Related Issues

1. **21-02-11-01** Resolved, The EA Board of Trustees approves only for the month of February, 2021 that the School Business Administrator can sign checks issued for invoices listed on the Payment of Claims and released without any other Board Member signature. This resolution will be revisited in March 2021 if “Social Distancing “due to Corvid-19 is still in place.

Motion: Thomas Gallagher

Second: Jermaine Pharmes

Board Member	Yea	Nay	Absent
Monica Zaslower	X		
Jermaine Pharmes	X		
Tom Gallagher	X		
Lonnie Sobel	X		
Thomas Ogorzalek			X

F. Business

1. **21-02-11-02** Resolved, The EA Board of Trustees approves the Payment of Claims in the amount of \$277,073.01 for the period 2/2/21 – 3/1/21.

Motion: Monica Zaslower

Second: Thomas Gallagher

Board Member	Yea	Nay	Absent
Monica Zaslower	X		
Jermaine Pharnes	X		
Tom Gallagher	X		
Lonnie Sobel	X		
Thomas Ogorzalek			<u>X</u>

2. **21-02-11-03** Resolved, The EA Board of Trustees authorizes the School Business Administrator to fund the Payrolls of February 15, 2021 for \$367,800 and for February 28, 2021 for \$367,800. Employer Taxes are included in each payroll.

Motion: Monica Zaslower

Second: Thomas Gallagher

Board Member	Yea	Nay	Absent
Monica Zaslower	X		
Jermaine Pharnes	X		
Tom Gallagher	X		
Lonnie Sobel	X		
Thomas Ogorzalek			X

3. **21-02-11-04** Resolved, The EA Board of Trustees approves of the Board Secretary Report for January, 2021 and its submission to the NJ DOE.

Motion: Thomas Ogorzalek

Second: Lonnie Sobel

Board Member	Yea	Nay	Absent
Monica Zaslower	X		
Jermaine Pharnes	X		
Tom Gallagher	X		
Lonnie Sobel	X		
Thomas Ogorzalek			X

4. **21-02-11-05** Resolved, The EA Board of Trustees approves of expenditures in the amount of \$5,200 for the Athletic Dept in SY21 per the attached schedule.

Motion: Monica Zaslower

Second: Thomas Gallagher

Board Member	Yea	Nay	Absent
Monica Zaslower	X		
Jermaine Pharnes	X		
Tom Gallagher	X		
Lonnie Sobel	X		
Thomas Ogorzalek			X

5. **21-02-11-06** Resolved, The EA Board of Trustees authorizes the School Business Administrator to enter into an agreement for High Speed Coaxial Internet Access for schools to upgrade from 600bps to 1gbps for an additional \$132 per month. Cost is net of E-Rate. This upgrade will increase bandwidth for Virtual or Hybrid Learning Models.

Motion: Monica Zaslower

Second: Thomas Gallagher

Board Member	Yea	Nay	Absent
Monica Zaslower	X		
Jermaine Pharnes	X		
Tom Gallagher	X		
Lonnie Sobel	X		
Thomas Ogorzalek			X

6. **21-02-11-07** Resolved, The EA Board of Trustees authorizes the School Business Administrator to enter into a Preventive Maintenance Agreement for kitchen equipment at LES and UES with Jay-Hill Repairs for \$5,201.

Motion: Monica Zaslower

Second: Thomas Gallagher

Board Member	Yea	Nay	Absent
Monica Zaslower	X		
Jermaine Pharnes	X		
Tom Gallagher	X		
Lonnie Sobel	X		
Thomas Ogorzalek			X

7. **21-02-11-08** Resolved, The EA Board of Trustees approves of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Audit and Auditors Management Report.

Motion: Monica Zaslower

Second: Thomas Gallagher

Board Member	Yea	Nay	Absent
Monica Zaslower	X		
Jermaine Pharnes	X		
Tom Gallagher	X		
Lonnie Sobel	X		
Thomas Ogorzalek			X

8. **21-02-11-09** Resolved, The EA Board of Trustees approves of a 2nd Revision to the Lease between Empowerment Academy Charter School and Friends of Quality Education to include:

- a. Include in Section 2(a) authority for the purchase of a portion of the properties located at 20 and 65 Commercial Street, Jersey City, and under the right-of-way of Commercial Street between Caven Point Avenue and Bayview Avenue, Jersey City (the "Canal Crossing Property," and together with the Ege Property and Virginia Property, the "Properties"), with each such agreement being subject to such contingencies for environmental and title matters, financing, governmental approvals, subdivision and other matters as shall be reasonably necessary for the

development of the Properties as described herein and reasonably acceptable to Tenant.

b. Revised reimbursement of expenses as follows:

1. Architectural Planning Pre-Land Acquisition Contract \$250,000
2. Architectural Planning Pre&Post Land Acquisition Contract \$1,100,000

Motion: Monica Zaslower

Second: Thomas Gallagher

Board Member	Yea	Nay	Absent
Monica Zaslower	X		
Jermaine Pharmes	X		
Tom Gallagher	X		
Lonnie Sobel	X		
Thomas Ogorzalek			X

Adjournment

Submitted By: Richard Raschdorf