

**Empowerment Academy Charter School
Board of Trustees Regular Meeting
Thursday, February 13, 2020 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	Abstain
Monica Zaslower	X		
Jermaine Pharnes	X		
Tom Gallagher	X		
Lonnie Sobel	X		
Thomas Ogorzalek	X		

D. Approval of February 13, 2020 Meeting Minutes

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

E. Human Resources

1. **20-02-13-01** Resolved, The EA Board of Trustees approving of the following stipends for AfterSchool Tutoring for SY20 effective January 6, 2020 through May 15, 2020

Employee	Stipend
Rosemary Garganta	\$3,000
MacKenzie Cahill	\$3,000
Diane Salazar	\$3,000
Anne Kassalow	\$3,000
Christina Reichart	\$3,200
Samantha Harrienger	\$3,200
Emily Corsie	\$3,000
Christina Chatman	\$3,000

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

F. Board Evaluation

1. **20-02-13-02** Resolved, The EA Board of Trustees approves of the Self Evaluation Instrument to be used by the Board.

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

G. Business

1. **20-02-13-03** Resolved, The EA Board of Trustees approves the Payment of Claims in the amount of \$278,835.92 for the period 2/3/20 – 3/1/20.

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

2. **20-02-13-04** Resolved, The EA Board of Trustees authorizes the School Business Administrator to fund the Payrolls of February 15 15, 2020 and February 2, 2020 for \$250,000 respectively. Employer Taxes are included in each payroll.

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

3. **20-02-13-05** Resolved, The EA Board of Trustees approves the Board Secretary Report for January 2020 and its submission to the NJ DOE.

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

Thomas Ogorzalek	X		
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4. **20-02-13-06** Resolved, The EA Board of Trustees approves of the purchase of a new laptop for School Partners LLC of approximately \$2,500. Purchase of laptop is under terms of their contract with Empowerment Academy.

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

5. **20-02-13-07** Resolved, The EA Board of Trustees authorize the School Business Administrator to enter into an agreement with the New Jersey Charter School Association for Schoolens. NJCSA has developed a tool, Schoolens, to analyze EA's test scores against other school districts in NJ. Cost \$745.

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

6. **20-02-13-08** Resolved, The EA Board of Trustees approves of the expenditure of \$5,000 to School Partners LLC a a deposit for publishing online employment postings for open positions.

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

7. **20-02-13-09** Resolved, The EA Board of Trustees authorizes the School Business Administrator to enter into an agreement with Atlantic Environment Solutions for Phase I Environmental Site Assessment. Cost - \$5,700

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

8. **20-02-13-10** Resolved, The EA Board of Trustees approves of 2019 Carryover Funds for the following:

Title I \$15,647
 Title II \$ 3,327
 Title III \$ 5,000

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

9. **20-02-13-11** Resolved, the EA Board of Trustees consents to waive funding for the Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) for FY21 School year. SEMI provides an opportunity to claim funding for certain related services that are delivered to classified Medicaid eligible students. EA waives its participation because we have less than 40 students and it is not cost effective for us to participate.

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

10. **20-02-13-12** Resolved, The EA Board of Trustees approves of the following filed trip for which costs are to be reimbursed by students:

Date	Grades	Destination	Event	Cost
2/24/20 – 2/28/20	4 th & 5th Grades	Waldwick, NJ	Gaga & The Pyshics of Motion	\$6,600

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