# Opportunity Charter School Board of Trustees—Minutes Wednesday, June 15, 2016

**Trustees Present:** Alice Cutler, June Smith, Rob Zellner, Phil Pallone & Eric London (via Skype)

**Executive Staff Present:** Leonard Goldberg, Cedric Hall, Aaron Hawn & Jessica Marcu

Absent: Claire Boren, Scott Brothers, Peggy Culver & Maxcel Hardy

**Public Notification:** Notice of meeting on OCS website (as of June 6, 2016) and posted on front door of

OCS and displayed in the OCS main office (beginning June 6, 2016). Attending Members of the Board of Trustees met at 240 West 113<sup>th</sup> Street at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was led by the Board Chair June Smith. A quorum was reached with 5 out

of 9 voting board members in attendance.

## **Adoption of May Board of Trustees' Minutes**

A vote to approve the minutes from the May 25, 2016 BOT meeting was taken with all in favor and no dissentions.

#### • NOMINATIONS: Slate of Officers 2016-2017

- o June Smith, Board Chair
- o Alice Cutler, Board Vice-Chair
- o Rob Zellner, Secretary/Treasurer

#### • VOTE: Slate of Officers 2016-2017

o Nominated Slate of Officers was re-elected to their current Board offices unanimously.

## • NOMINATION and VOTE: Prospective Board member—June Smith, Chair

Prospective Board Member Tamara Adam was presented to the Board by Board Chair June Smith who gave an overview her background and described what expertise she would bring to the Board. June Smith proposed her for Board Membership and it was motioned by Alice Cutler, Vice-Chair; June Smith initiated the vote with all present in favor with no dissentions.

### CEO Report - Leonard Goldberg, CEO/Head of School

- Valedictorian and Salutatorian
  - o Laura Terri
  - Tryphena Quaicoe
- Regents Expand Diploma Opportunities for Students with Disabilities
  - Students must still achieve a minimum score on the ELA and math Regents exams.
  - o For the other Regents exams typically required for graduation, superintendents can review other documentation of proficiency when the student cannot pass one or more of these exams and determine if a student with a disability is eligible for graduation.
  - o The rules become effective on June 20, making it possible for students with disabilities who are otherwise eligible to graduate.

- Class of 2016 Updated Graduation Projections
- Class of 2016 Post-Graduation Plans
  - o 100% of OCS's graduating seniors who applied for college have been accepted to either a 2-year or 4-year college. Most will be enrolled in SUNY or CUNY community colleges.
  - Colleges include: CUNY Borough of Manhattan Community College, CUNY City College, CUNY City Tech, CUNY College of Staten Island, Daemon University, Johnson & Wales University, Norfolk University, NY Film Academy, SUNY Broome Community College, SUNY Cayuga Community College, SUNY Cobleskill, SUNY Cortland, SUNY Herkimer Community College, SUNY Onondaga Community College, SUNY Plattsburg, SUNY Purchase College, SUNY Westchester Community College, and Tyler Community College.
  - For students who are not college bound, they have detailed comprehensive workplace postsecondary plans. Several of our graduating students with disabilities will enroll in the Adult Career and Continuing Education Services-Vocational Rehabilitation (ACCES-VR) program.
- OCS Alumni Tracking
  - o Since 2010, we have tracked the progress of all 211 OCS alumni.
  - o 56% reported attending college or remain enrolled in college
  - o 18% reported being employed and currently not attending college
  - o 7% reported joining the military and/or enrolled in a job training program
  - 9% reported being unemployed
- Charter & Expansion Process Update-Cheryl Morgan, Director of School Expansion
  - o Charter Renewal
  - School Expansion and Space Planning
- FY 2017 Budget
  - o Initial Budget Presented by Finance Committee
- Data Presentation-Aaron Hawn, Director of Analytics and Evaluation
  - o Renewal Metrics Update
- OCS Year in Review

#### **Communication from the Public**

There were no comments from the public.

#### **Executive Session**

The Board moved to Executive Session to discuss Legal and Personnel Issues.

## Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.