

**YouthBuild Philadelphia Charter School
Board of Trustees Meeting
By conference telephone call on October 9, 2017 at 8:30 am**

MINUTES

Attending by Telephone: Martin Brigham, Alfred Essandoh, Jared Farbman, Erin Horvat, Khalilah Lawson, Scott Lillis, Melanie McCottry, Michael McPhilmy, James Mergiotti, James Multari, Nathan Norstrud, Roxanne Tillman.

Absent: Kiley Smith Kelly, Shannon Phillips, David Thomas, Robert Totaro.

Staff attending: Ameen Akbar, Scott Emerick.

This special meeting was called to discuss and vote on the expulsion of student RE. A September 27, 2017 incident involving RE was the focus of a hearing held on October 4, 2017 with Ameen Akbar and Roxanne Tillman presiding. A memorandum summarizing the hearing and related recommendations was provided to board members prior to the meeting.

M. Brigham, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:35 am.

- He offered A. Akbar the opportunity to provide an update on any new developments since the drafting of the hearing memorandum.
- A. Akbar described details of follow-up activity, including the fact that the students involved in the incident had taken steps to restore with each other, including efforts outside of school.
- A. Akbar mentioned that RE still has a pathway to graduation at the school. The proposed suspension is lengthy and significant, but RE will still have an opportunity to graduate if the student completes requirements described in the memo.
- R. Tillman, Board member presiding over the hearing, agreed with the description and recommendation provided by A. Akbar.
- E. Horvat asked about work to effectively signal and message with RE to support successful restoration and return to school following the suspension.
- A. Akbar described support RE will continue receiving from school staff. And also described support from RE's mentor and case manager, along with the requirement that the action plan goals RE completes with the case manager help further address restoration from the incident and successful school reintegration.

Twelve board members were present to vote on the following resolution:

- **Motion by R. Tillman: To approve the recommendation to expel student RE for the remainder of Session 1, Session 2, and Session 3 (Wed. October 4, 2017 until Tuesday, January 9, 2018).** K. Lawson second, motion **unanimously approved.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 am.

Respectfully submitted,

B. Scott Emerick