

**YouthBuild Philadelphia Charter School
Board of Trustees Meeting
By conference telephone call on March 12, 2019 at 4:00 p.m.**

MINUTES

Attending by Telephone: Martin Brigham, Charles Esser, Jared Farbman, Kiley Smith Kelly, Melanie McCottry, James Mergiotti, James Multari, Tiffanie Talley-Baines, Roxanne Tillman, Robert Totaro.

Absent: Keith Anderson, Graham Brent, Timothy Daniel, Erin Horvat, Khalilah Lawson, Scott Lillis, David Thomas, Sai Yerrapathruni.

Staff attending: Brian Leffler, Eva Lexie, Zuri Stone.

This special meeting was called to discuss and vote on two items: approval of the form 990 for YouthBuild Philadelphia Charter School for fiscal year 2018, and the proposed expulsion of student SW. The meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m.

Form 990

- Copies of the Form 990 for the year ending June 30, 2018 were distributed to the board in advance of this meeting. The full board was given the opportunity to comment or ask questions in advance. The form was also previously reviewed by the Finance Committee.
- E. Lexie explained that there might be some minor corrections made to the non-financial information on the form before submitting (such as the list of board members on the form, to comply with the correct time period being requested), but nothing substantive would be changed.
- There were no additional comments or questions raised.

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

- **Motion by R. Totaro: To approve the 2018 form 990 as distributed, with any minor non-financial corrections as needed. J. Mergiotti second, motion unanimously approved.**

Expulsion

An expulsion hearing was held on March 11, 2019 with Director of Student Life Zuri Stone, Program Director Brian Leffler, and Robert Totaro attending as the Board representative. Several other staff members with a connection to the hearing also attended. A memorandum summarizing the hearing and related recommendations was provided to board members in advance of this meeting.

- B. Leffler reviewed the background that led up to the student's hearing. The student attended the hearing and did not contest the statement of facts.
- The recommendations from the hearing were as follows:
 - That SW be expelled for the remainder of Session 4 and Session 5. The specific dates are Wednesday March 13, 2019 until Thursday, May 2, 2019.

- That SW meet with Director of Student Life twice in April.
 - That SW complete a restorative assignment that includes a verbal and/or written apology to affected staff and students.
- R. Totaro commented that he was impressed with the number of contacts the student had with staff, and the obvious support staff were showing. Currently SW's personal life outside YouthBuild may be impacting the student's school life, and some time away may be beneficial for that.
- There was extensive discussion and several questions were answered by B. Leffler and Z. Stone.
 - The student has a supportive parent who has observed similar behavior outside of school.
 - There was a follow-up conversation with SW after the hearing with several staff members wishing to support the student.
 - We will be working to connect SW with resources to assist the student during the expulsion period.
 - A board member expressed concern about SW's return in case the student might be a threat. However, in addition to completing a restorative assignment SW will be required to have a reinstatement meeting where SW must demonstrate readiness to return under our high expectations. If not, the expulsion period could be extended.

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

- **Motion by R. Totaro: To approve the recommendations from the expulsion hearing, and to expel student SW from Wednesday March 13, 2019 until Thursday, May 2, 2019. C. Esser second, motion unanimously approved.**

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Eva S. Lexie