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**Minutes**  
**of**  
**July 6, 2021 Special Meeting**  
**UChicago Charter School Board of Directors**

July 6, 2021, 5:00 to 5:55 p.m.  
Via Zoom

Meeting Minutes

**Attendees**

Board of Directors Members in attendance: D. Abebe (presiding); D. Gorman-Smith; I. Samstein; T. Island; P. Ziegler

Board of Directors Members absent: K. Callow-Wright; S. Vasquez

Also in attendance: UEI Staff: J. Nowaczewski

**I. Welcome and Purpose of Special Meeting**

President Abebe called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m. He noted that although the school year had ended, the work of leadership did not end. He acknowledged the effort that had gone into the selection process for a new Director of Donoghue. He stated that the purpose of the Special Meeting was to consider personnel matters related to the hiring of a new Director for the Donoghue Campus.

**III. Public Comment**

President Abebe called for any members of the public who wished to make public comment. No one had signed up for public participation, but President Abebe asked those present on the Zoom if anyone wished to speak. Ms. Donyale Wallace, the 5<sup>th</sup> grade math teacher from Donoghue, asked to speak, and, following President Abebe's agreement, Ms. Wallace stated that she had appreciated the Zoom Town Hall Forum which was a part of the Donoghue Director process. She stated the Forum gave her and many others on the Donoghue staff an opportunity to participate, which was "refreshing and breath-taking." She stated she liked the format of the Forum, and the presentations of both of the candidates. She stated she appreciated Mr. Baker's take on adding a foreign language or arts to the curriculum at Donoghue.

President Abebe thanked Ms. Wallace, and also Director Barnett for his leadership at the Forum. He also thanked the Review Committee, including Board Member Patrice Ziegler, for all of their work before and after the Forum. He noted that the Board would be going into executive session,

but that once a decision was made, and an offer accepted, the new Director would be announced to the Donoghue community.

#### IV. Closed Session.

Pursuant to the Agenda, the President asked for a motion to go into executive session. Vice President Gorman-Smith made a motion to go into closed executive session for the purpose of considering the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of a specific employee of the UChicago Charter School pursuant to Section 2(c)(1) of the Open Meetings Act. Member Ziegler seconded the motion, and all members present voted in favor of the motion.

At 5:10 p.m. the Board went into closed executive session.

At 5:22 p.m., the Board returned to open session.

#### V. Action Items: Approve Appointment of New Campus Director

President Abebe called for a motion to approve the CEO's recommendation that the University of Chicago Charter School hire a certain individual as the new Donoghue Directors for the 2020-2021 school year.

Vice President Gorman-Smith made a motion to approve hiring Ms. Shamilya Woods as Director of the Donoghue Campus. Member Ziegler seconded the motion. On a vote of all members present, Members Gorman-Smith, Childress, Samstein, Ziegler and Abebe, all voted in favor of the motion to hire Ms. Woods for the Donoghue position.

The Chair called for a motion to adjourn. Vice President Gorman-Smith moved that the Board adjourn; Member Ziegler seconded the motion. On a voice vote, all members present voted to adjourn the meeting at 5:24 p.m.

FINAL APPROVED Minutes of the Special Meeting of July 6, 2021, of the Board of Directors of the University of Chicago Charter School APPROVED 30 SEPTEMBER 2021