

FINAL APPROVED BY UCCS BOARD DECEMBER 1, 2022

Minutes

July 7, 2022 Special Meeting

UChicago Charter School Board of Directors

July 7, 2022 at 5:01 p.m.

In-Person with Zoom Attendees

Attendees

Board of Directors Members attending in person: D. Abebe (presiding), D. Gorman-Smith, T. Island-Childress, P. Ziegler, Susana Vasquez

Board of Directors Members attending by Zoom: K. Callow-Wright

Board of Directors Members absent: MaryFrances McCourt

Also in attendance in-person: UCCS Staff Todd Barnett and UEI staff J. Nowaczewski

President's Opening Remarks

President Abebe welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked Board Members for making time in busy summer schedules for a Special Board Meeting.

The President noted that 5 Board Members were present in person and asked for a Motion to allow remote participation by Member Callow-Wright. Member Vasquez made a Motion for Member Callow-Wright to join via remote means, Vice President Gorman Smith seconded the Motion, and all 5 members present in person voted in favor of the Motion.

Public Participation (5:03 p.m.)

The Agenda for the July 7, 2022, Special Meeting of the Board of Directors was published on the UChicago Charter's website and at its campuses with the zoom link and in person information. Members of the public, as well as staff, parents and community members were in attendance on the Zoom platform and invited to speak. However, no person attending by zoom came forward to speak during the Public Participation section of the Special Meeting.

Approval of Minutes (5:05 p.m.)

Member Ziegler made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Board's Annual Meeting on May 19, 2022, and the Special Meeting held by the Board on June 14, 2022, the draft Minutes for both meetings having been sent to the Board in advance of the meeting. Vice President Gorman-Smith seconded the motion, and all 6 members present in person and on zoom voted in favor of approving the Minutes of May 19 and June 14, 2022.

Executive Session (5:08 p.m.)

At 5:08 p.m., Vice President Gorman-Smith made a motion to enter into Executive Session on the grounds of Sections 2c1 and 2c8 of the exceptions clause of the Illinois Open Meetings Act. Member Callow-Wright seconded the motion. A Roll Call vote was taken, and the following Board Members all voted "aye" to entering into Executive Session: Vasquez, Ziegler, Callow-Wright, Island-Childress, Gorman-Smith and Abebe. Accordingly, all 6 Board members, whether in person or on zoom left the public Zoom platform and went into a separate non-public Zoom platform and a closed in-person room. The public Zoom platform remained open for the public while the Board was in Executive Session.

Return to Open Session (5:29 p.m.)

At 5:29 p.m., the six Board Members left the private zoom Executive Session and all six returned to the Open Session on the Public Zoom Platform and in-person at Chapin Hall.

Action Items: Approval of Certain Hires & Actions for the UCW Woodlawn Campus (5:30 p.m.)

Board President Abebe asked the Board Members if there were any motions to be considered following the Executive Session.

Vice President Gorman-Smith made a motion to accept the Recommendation of the CEO to hire Mr. Kevin Thompson as the Director of the UCCS Middle School, Woodlawn Campus for the FY23 School Year. Member Ziegler seconded the motion. All six members present in person or by zoom voted in favor of the motion as proposed in a Roll Call vote by answering “aye:” Vasquez, Ziegler, Callow-Wright, Island-Childress, Gorman-Smith and Abebe.

Member Ziegler made a motion to authorize the President and Vice President of the UCCS Board to engage with the CEO regarding, and to, thereafter, approve the CEO’s hire of a second candidate for the Middle School Director position without a further full Board Meeting being necessary, and with appropriate documentation thereof being sent to the Board, should the offer to the first candidate not be accepted or for other reasons fail to become effective. Member Vasquez seconded the motion. All six members present in person or by zoom voted in favor of the motion as proposed in a Roll Call vote by answering “aye:” Vasquez, Ziegler, Callow-Wright, Island-Childress, Gorman-Smith and Abebe.

Updates & New Business (5:34 p.m.)

President Abebe asked if there were updates or new business, but none were raised.

Adjournment (5:35 p.m.)

President Abebe asked for a motion for adjournment. On a voice vote of acclamation, the Board adjourned the July 7, 2022, UCCS Special Board Meeting at 5:35 p.m.

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