

**Opportunity Charter School
Board of Trustees—Minutes
December 12, 2019**

Trustees Present: Jon Sichel, June Smith, Tracy Hampton (video conference) & Melba Wilson

Absent: Alice Cutler, Peggy Culver & Eric London

Executive Staff Present: Leonard Goldberg

Public Notification: Notice of meeting sent to Amsterdam News for addition to Events Calendar in print editions (December 3, 2019), on OCS website (December 3, 2019).
Attending Members of the Board of Trustees met at 75 Ninth Ave. at 10:00 am

Adoption of November Board of Trustees' Minutes

A vote to approve the minutes from the November 14, 2019 BOT meeting was taken with all in favor and no dissensions.

Prospective Board Member

Prospective Board Members Evena Everett and Tasheem Quayenortey were presented to the Board by Board Chair Jon Sichel. CEO Leonard Goldberg gave an overview their background and described what expertise they would bring to the Board. Attending Trustees interviewed both and Evena and Tasheem were voted onto board, unanimously.

OCS Report to the Board

- Lobbying and Community Outreach Update
 - Recent meetings:
 - **Assembly Member Benedetto** (11/20), Chair of the Assembly Committee on Education recommended we invite two members of his conference to visit OCS, Bobby Carroll and Jo Anne Simon.
 - **Assembly Member Marcos Crespo** (11/25), Chair of the Bronx Democratic Committee and likely 2021 candidate for Bronx Borough President – agreed to be supportive with DOE, suggested Univision story, suggested partnership with feeder schools; Kasirer is following up to discuss with his team.
 - Upcoming meetings:
 - **Council Member Vanessa Gibson**, also a likely 2021 candidate for Bronx Borough President – following up to reschedule after the CM postponed the 12/3 meeting.
 - **State Senator Shelley Mayer** (12/18), Bronx/Westchester representative and Chair of the Education Committee in the Senate
 - **OCS school visit with Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr** – 1/7 at 10am
 - Sent school visit invitations to Assembly Members Simon and Carroll, following AM Benedetto's recommendation and personal invitation.

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- Additional elected engagement: based on OCS' student base and our outlined plan; will include outreach to the new, left-leaning Democrats in the State legislature: Senator Alessandra Biaggi, Sen. Robert Jackson

Communication from the Public

There were no communications from the public.

Executive Session

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

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35.