

**Opportunity Charter School
Board of Trustees—Minutes
February 13, 2020**

Trustees Present: Jon Sichel, Evena Everett, Tasheem Quayenortey, Melba Wilson & Tracy Hampton.
Alice Cutler, June Smith & Eric London (video conference)

Absent: Peggy Culver

Executive Staff Present: Leonard Goldberg, Jessica Marcu and Emily Samuels

Public Notification: Notice of meeting sent to Amsterdam News for addition to Events Calendar in print editions (February 5, 2020), on OCS website (February 5, 2020). Attending Members of the Board of Trustees met at 315 West 113th Street at 6:00 pm.

Adoption of January Board of Trustees' Minutes

A vote to approve the minutes from the January 16, 2020 BOT meeting was taken with all in favor and no dissentions.

OCS Report to the Board

- Graduation Projections
 - Cohort 49 students
 - 15 General Education
 - 34 Students with Disabilities
 - Total Graduation Rate 88%
 - General Education 87%
 - Students with Disabilities 88%
- Lobbying and Community Outreach Update
- - General Political Update
 - Recent OCS Updates
 - OCS and Kasirer met with **Brookfield Development** (1/23) to discuss potential space for an OCS school in the Bronx as part of a future Brookfield development .
 - Gov. Cuomo included a charter school component in his proposed budget that would allow “zombie” charters to be recycled for new charter authorizations, presenting a potential opening for OCS to apply for a new charter through SUNY despite the NYC cap having been reached last year.
 - The OCS and consultant team had a call to discuss strategy around pursuing this new charter, if this remains part of the state budget, which is up for negotiation.
 - Kasirer and OCS will be meeting with **Merryl Tisch** on 2/27/20 to discuss these developments.

- Upcoming Engagement
 - City & State Education 100 Reception (2/18) – Jennie will attend with Tasheem
 - **Council Member Vanessa Gibson** (rescheduling), also a likely 2021 candidate for Bronx Borough President
 - **Legislative Luncheon** – to welcome a group of state legislators to OCS.
 - We are reaching out individually to Sen. John Liu, who Chairs the Senate Committee on NYC Education, to brief him directly in addition to inviting him to this visit.
 - School visit with **Board of Regents Chancellor Betty Rosa**
 - DOE engagement with the supportive elected officials we have previously met with, including Bronx Borough President Diaz, Assembly Member Crespo, Sen. Mayer, and Sen. Benedetto.

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 7:00 pm.