

**Opportunity Charter School  
Board of Trustees—Minutes  
January 16, 2020**

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

**Absent:** Peggy Culver & Melba Wilson

**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 (January 8, 2020), on OCS website (January 8, 2020). Attending Members of the Board of Trustees met at 315 West 113<sup>th</sup> Street at 6:00 pm.

**Adoption of December Board of Trustees' Minutes**

A vote to approve the minutes from the December 12, 2019 BOT meeting was taken with all in favor and no dissensions.

**OCS Report to the Board**

- Lobbying and Community Outreach Update
  - Political Updates: Queens Borough President Special Election scheduled for March 24<sup>th</sup>; Citywide and Council races for 2021 continuing to grow.
  - Council Updates: The Council passed a package of special education-focused legislation, continuing to push DOE to share more data on their work with and address the needs of students with IEPs
  - Prospective Board of Trustees Updates: We are in discussions with three potential candidates (as discussed previously), and will confirm their interest and finalize our recommendations then share again with the Board.
  - Recent engagement:
    - **State Senator Shelley Mayer**, Bronx/Westchester representative and Chair of the Education Committee in the Senate – met on 12/18
    - **Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr** – met and had school visit on 1/7; next steps include engaging real estate developers for potential space in the Bronx for future expansion, and using BP Diaz's support to help engage additional stakeholders, including Chancellor Betty Rosa (see below)
  - Upcoming Engagement:
    - **Council Member Vanessa Gibson** (rescheduling), also a likely 2021 candidate for Bronx Borough President – looking at February dates.
    - **Legislative Luncheon** – to welcome a group of state legislators to OCS
    - School visit with **Board of Regents Chancellor Betty Rosa**
    - Additional elected official meetings and school visits
    - **Additional next step:** OCS team to share updates on the lawsuit status; Kasirer to coordinate elected official engagement where relevant to show their support for OCS as it pertains to DOE and a potential settlement.

**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 7:10 pm.