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St. HOPE Leadership Academy Board of Trustees Board meeting

MINUTES

January 21, 2016 from 6:30-8:00 pm
222 W. 134th Street

- **Welcome**

Call to Order

Steve Colon	Present
Ankur Dalal	Present
Christopher Greeley	Absent (Excused)
Maureen Higgins	Present
Megan Jordan	Present
Takako Kono	Absent (Participated by phone)
Lauren Mirsky	Present
Rebecca Ostrov	Absent
Bryan Winther	Present
Arun Yang	Present

Also present at the meeting: Constance Bond, Executive Director and Gabrielle Apollon, prospective Board member.

- **Public Comment**

No requests for public comment were received

- **Consent Agenda**

The minutes of the meeting held on November 19, 2015 were unanimously approved.

- **Nominating Committee**

- Ms. Kono presented the candidacy of Gabrielle Apollon to the Board. **Ms. Apollon was unanimously elected to the Board, subject to approval by school's authorizer.**
- Ms. Kono updated the Board on other potential Board members currently under consideration and areas of expertise that would be most useful.

- **Finance Committee**

- Mr. Dalal presented the December Finance Report and led a discussion around SHLA's surplus funds. The Board will continue to explore solutions for long-term management of these funds that properly balances liquidity, strategic investment on academic services, college scholarships and other student incentive programs, emergency planning, and potential investment.
- Ms. Higgins requested that the Board further consider possible space constraints given growing program demands. The Board agreed to discuss at the February meeting.

- **Accountability Committee**

- Ms. Higgins and Dr. Bond presented the NY Ready Interim I data. The Board asked questions about the how the school will be using the results to inform instruction and preparing for state tests.

- **Principal Update**

- The Board reviewed the Dashboard data, focusing on December enrollment numbers, attendance, and suspensions. The implementation of restorative justice continues to help keep year-over-year suspension significantly lower than 2014.
- Dr. Bond notified the Board that the National School of Character application was submitted on time.
- Dr. Bond updated the Board on the recent site visit from ReNEW, a charter management organization in New Orleans. The Board asked questions about how the Louisiana-based school learned of SHLA.
- The Board encouraged Dr. Bond to identify a list of other schools for a team from SHLA to visit.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:11 pm

I, Steve Colón, do hereby certify that I am the duly qualified and acting Secretary of St. HOPE Leadership Academy, a New York education corporation and that the above is a true and complete copy of the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees of the said corporation held on January 21, 2016 at which quorum was present throughout Dated (January 22, 2016)