

## Board of Trustees

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## St. HOPE Leadership Academy Board of Trustees Board meeting

### **MINUTES**

April 20, 2017 from 6:30-8:00 pm  
222 W. 134<sup>th</sup> Street

- **Welcome**

#### Call to Order

Gabrielle Apollon	Present
Michael Chan	Present
Steve Colón	Absent (Excused)
Ankur Dalal	Absent (Excused)
Maureen Higgins	Present
Megan Jordan	Present
Takako Kono	Present
Lauren Tannenbaum	Present
Rebecca Ostrov	Present
Arun Yang	Absent (Excused)
Girmay Zahilay	Present

Also present at the meeting: Constance Bond, Executive Director.

- **Public Comment**

No requests for public comment were received

- **Consent Agenda**

The minutes of the meeting held on March 23, 2017 were unanimously approved.

- **Accountability Committee**

- Dr. Bond discussed implementation of the state ELA exams, including participation rate and scholar use of extended time. The Board discussed evidence of increased student stamina, particularly in writing.
- Dr. Bond discussed her recent visit to Albany to attend the April Board of Regents meeting. She described the impact of the current political climate on Regents' decisions, particularly in regards to charter renewals. Most important data points considered by Regents for renewals included meeting or exceeding enrollment targets (percent SPED, ELL and FRPL) and exceeding district state test scores.
- Dr. Bond discussed state test scores for District 5 when Columbia Secondary School is removed from the data. For ELA, the district drops from 23 to approximately 16 and for math from 13 to approximately 7.
- The Board reviewed three proposals submitted by consultants to provide assistance with the school's upcoming charter renewal. Dr. Bond discussed her interviews with each and the results of reference checks. **The Board voted unanimously to contract with Benjamin & Young for both the charter renewal process and a separate school quality review.**

- **Finance Committee**
  - The Board reviewed the March Finance Report. Revenue and spending is currently in line with projections.
  
- **Principal Update**
  - The Board reviewed the Dashboard data focusing on March enrollment numbers, withdrawals, attendance, and suspensions.
  - Dr. Bond updated the Board on 2017-2018 student recruitment. SHLA received 760 applications for 120 slots, with the lottery successfully implemented on April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:04.

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 April 20, 2017 at which quorum was present throughout Dated (April 21, 2017)