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**St. HOPE Leadership Academy Board of Trustees  
Board Meeting**

***MINUTES***

July 14, 2022 from 6:30-8:00 pm

Meeting Conducted at 222 West 134<sup>th</sup> Street New York, NY 10030

And Virtually

• **Welcome**

Call to Order

Gabrielle Apollon	Absent (Excused)
Ankur Dalal	Absent (Excused)
Maureen Higgins	Present (Virtual)
Kristopher John	Present
Salone Kapur	Absent (Excused)
Lindsey Moschet	Present
Jennifer Ng	Present (Virtual)
Bianca Peart	Present (Virtual)
Elizabeth Phillips	Present
Caitlin Robisch	Absent (Excused)

Also present at the meeting: Meghann Persenaire, Principal; Katie Embree, Prospective Board Member; Jimmy Vora, BDO (auditors). The meeting took place in person, with some board members present via teleconference. The meeting was recorded.

• **Public Comment**

No requests for public comment were received.

• **Consent Agenda**

Minutes from the June 23, 2022 Board meeting were unanimously approved by the Board.

• **Nominating Committee**

- Ms. Persenaire introduced Katie Embree, who is a prospective board member (candidate). Ms. Embree shared her background and shared her impressions from the SHLA student tour. The next step in the process will be to vote on adding Ms. Embree to the Board at the August board meeting.
- Ms. Moschet is officially a voting board member.
- Ms. Persenaire reminded the board that Annual Report Financial Disclosures are due tomorrow.

• **Finance Committee**

- Mr. Vora discussed the upcoming SHLA audit. Preliminary work is underway and fieldwork will commence in August; he plans to have a draft to the Board by early September.

- Ms. Persenaire provided an update on enrollment and recruitment. The current projection is 62 sixth graders, 90 seventh graders, and 84 eighth graders, for a total projected enrollment of 236. These are projections based on both fully enrolled students and students who have accepted and are pending enrollment. There are also 37 waitlisted students, all of which are eighth graders. SHLA is budgeted for 275; to address the current gap of 39, there will be two more recruitment mailings. SHLA is also using a grass roots campaign to reach additional prospective students. If SHLA accepted eighth graders off the waitlist, they would move to four cohorts (rather than three); Ms. Persenaire noted that SHLA has not accepted any new eighth graders over the last three years. The board and Ms. Persenaire further discussed recruitment strategy.
- **Accountability Committee**
  - Ms. Higgins discussed the Board's consideration of a new Engagement Committee, which was discussed during executive session at the June meeting. The idea for a committee stemmed from faculty and staff interest in having the Board become more engaged in the SHLA community. Ms. Persenaire noted that the committee could have a role in the scholarship applications, attend honor roll dinners and parent-teacher conferences, and attend graduation, among other things. Board members expressed interest in forming an Engagement Committee. Ms. Persenaire will explore next steps for forming the committee and will follow up at the August board meeting.
  - Ms. Persenaire reported on the 2021-2022 MAP and interim data. She noted that eighth graders met the ELA growth target and exceeded the math growth target. Seventh graders exceeded growth for both ELA and math, and noted that the percentage below the 20<sup>th</sup> percentile reduced for both ELA and math. Sixth graders exceeded target growth for both ELA and math; Ms. Persenaire noted minimal movement of scholars below the 20<sup>th</sup> percentile and at or above the 50<sup>th</sup> percentile, and explained that this may have been impacted by enrollment of new students throughout the school year (including a number of ELLs). Ms. Persenaire also discussed breakout data for students with IEPs and for ELLs; for example, ELLs experienced meaningful growth across all grades. Ms. Persenaire also discussed results in the context of remote learning and learning loss associated with the pandemic, and plans to further examine the data to evaluate how remote learning impacted the results. She also noted how the scores impact planning for the next year, including SHLA's plan to introduce iReady for math instruction.
  - Ms. Persenaire presented the 2021-2022 dashboard. She discussed that SHLA ended the year with enrollment of 258, and noted attendance rates for the last school year as well as a goal of 95% for the next year.
- **Principal Update**
  - Ms. Persenaire shared a chart showing COVID-19 test volume by month, noting that SHLA had <1% positivity rate over the course of the year. The Board also noted the relationship between positivity rates and attendance rates.

Meeting adjourned at 7:28 pm.

I, Elizabeth Phillips, do hereby certify that I am the duly qualified and acting interim 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 July 14, 2022 at which quorum was present throughout. (July 14, 2022)