

Board of Trustees

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St HOPE Leadership Academy Board of Trustees Board Meeting

MINUTES

September 22, 2022 from 6:30-8:00 pm
Meeting Conducted at 222 West 134th Street New York, NY 10030
And Virtually

- **Welcome**

Call to Order

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

Also present at the meeting: Meghann Persenaire, Principal. 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 August 18, 2022 Board meeting were unanimously approved by the Board.

- **Nominating Committee**

- The candidacy of Katie Embree was presented to the Board. **Ms. Embree was unanimously elected to the Board, subject to approval by school's authorizer.**
- Ms. Persenaire reviewed the prior Board discussion regarding creating an Engagement Group which would consist of three rotating Board members with each member attending at least one student-centered school event over the course of an academic year. The following Board members will be part of the 2022-23 Engagement Group: Jennifer Ng, Ankur Dalal, and Salone Kapur.

- **Finance Committee**

- Ms. Persenaire shared that our Title applications were submitted and approved and noted that the required collaboration and consultation meeting occurred.
- Ms. Persenaire provided an update on recruitment and enrollment. She shared that the school is pursuing the possibility of bus stop and bus ads and is re-engaging with North Star Marketing. Ms. Persenaire also

noted that current enrollment requires significant cuts to the 2022-23 budget which will be reviewed at the October meeting.

- **Accountability Committee**

- Ms. Persenaire reminded the Board that we are abiding by the original Open Meetings Law, not by the amendment, through which Board members can attend Board meetings virtually when extraordinary circumstances arise. Their participation will count towards quorum provided they provide the address from which they will be attending and that address is posted on the meeting notice.
- Ms. Persenaire provided summaries of the individual 2018, 2019, 2020, and 2021 HARLEM Scholarship recipients, including progress towards degree and current academic status. Particular note was made of the positive impact of the scholarship in significantly helping alumni pay for college. The Board inquired about the possibility of having a HARLEM Scholarship recipient attend a future meeting of the Board.
- Ms. Persenaire described the formation of a College Essay Committee, a committee of St HOPE staff volunteers who will review college essays for St HOPE alumni applying to college for the 2023-2024 academic year.

- **Principal Update**

- Ms. Persenaire discussed the annual Family Fair.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.

I, Ankur Dalal, do hereby certify that I am the duly qualified and acting in place of the 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 September 22, 2022 at which quorum was present throughout. (September 22, 2022)