

## Board of Trustees

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## St HOPE Leadership Academy Board of Trustees Board Meeting

### **MINUTES**

June 22, 2023 from 6:30-8:00 pm  
Meeting Conducted In-Person and Virtually

- **Welcome**

#### Call to Order

Ankur Dalal	Present
Katie Embree	Absent (Excused)
Gabrielle Apollon	Present (Virtual)
Maureen Higgins	Present
Mirlande Joachim	Present
Kristopher John	Present
Salone Kapur	Present (Virtual)
Jennifer Ng	Present
Lindsey Moschet	Present (Virtual)
Elizabeth Pernick	Present (Virtual)

Also present at the meeting: Meghann Persenaire, Principal; and Raisa Schwanbeck, NYCDOE Charter School Office. The meeting took place at SHLA and via teleconference, and was recorded.

- **Public Comment**

No requests for public comment were received.

- **Consent Agenda**

Minutes from the May 25, 2023 Board meeting were unanimously approved by the Board.

- **Nominating Committee**

- Ms. Persenaire informed the Board that Mirlande Joachim's Board candidacy was approved by the school's authorizer. Ms. Joachim is now a full member of the Board with all voting privileges.
- **2023-2024 Board Membership: The Board voted unanimously to re-elect Salone Kapur and Kristopher John to the Board for a full three-year term.**
- **2023-2024 Slate of Officers: The Board unanimously approved the slate of officers for the 2023-2024 year: Ankur Dalal (President), Gabrielle Apollon (Vice President), Maureen Higgins (Treasurer), and Salone Kapur (Secretary). The Board unanimously approved the proposed committee membership, with two changes - Ms. Joachim on the Nominating Committee and the Accountability Committee and Ms. Kapur on the Executive Committee.**
- **2023-2024 Board Calendar: The Board voted unanimously to approve the proposed 2023-2024 Board meeting calendar.**

- *Annual Report Financial Disclosures*: Ms. Persenaire informed the Board that financial disclosures are due July 20, 2023.
- **Finance Committee**
  - *May Finance Report*: Ms. Persenaire presented the May finance report, noting current projected surplus and enrollment, as well as other line items.
  - *2023-2024 Budget Approval*: Ms. Persenaire noted changes to the proposed budget relative to the version discussed at the May Board meeting. Following questions and discussion by the Board, **the Board unanimously approved to adopt the proposed 2023-2024 budget as presented.**
  - *Recruitment and Enrollment*: Ms. Persenaire discussed enrollment, which did not dip below 220 this year, which was the goal.
- **Accountability Committee**
  - *Accountability of Principal*: Ms. Higgins discussed the Board's review of Ms. Persenaire's performance. The committee felt confident that test scores are moving in the right direction, and noted that SHLA leadership is working to improve enrollment for the next year. She discussed areas of focus for next year, including teacher morale and student social-emotional growth. Committee members discussed themes from conversations with staff members.
  - *Dashboard*: Ms. Persenaire discussed the dashboard, noting enrollment, attendance, and other items.
- **Principal Update**
  - Ms. Persenaire recognized Ankur Dalal and Maureen Higgins for 10 years of service on the SHLA Board.

Meeting adjourned at 7:13pm, and the Board entered Executive Session.

I, Elizabeth Pernick, 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 June 22, 2023 at which quorum was present throughout. (June 22, 2023)