

**AECI CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK
838 BROOK AVENUE
BRONX, NEW YORK**

ANNUAL MEETING

Date: Tuesday July 11, 2023
Time: 6:00 pm
Location: via Zoom

1. Welcome Role Call: Present were Carlo Schiattarella, Irma Zardoya, Paul Comrie, Shameeka Gonzalez, Gregory Kimble, Alberto Villaman

CEO: Derick Spaulding
Principal AECI I: Colin Healy
Principal AECI II: Santiago Taveras
Director of Human Resources Hector Rodriguez
Counsel: Flora Edwards, Esq.

2. Approval of Minutes of June 21 2023

Moved by Paul Comrie and seconded by Gregory Kimble to approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on June 21, 2023. Approved unanimously.

3. Election of Officers and Committee Assignments

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following persons are elected or re-elected, as applicable, to the designated offices set forth below, to serve until the next annual meeting of the Board of Trustees and until such person's successor is elected and qualified, or until such person's earlier resignation or removal, in accordance with the First Amended and Restated Bylaws of AECI Charter Schools Network\

Chairperson	Carlo Schiattarella
Vice Chairperson	Irma Zardoya
Treasurer	Shameeka Gonzalez
Secretary	Gregory Kimble

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following persons are elected or re-elected, as applicable, to the designated committees set forth below, to serve until the next annual meeting of the Board of Trustees and until such person's successor is elected and qualified, or until such person's earlier resignation or removal, in accordance with the First Amended and Restated Bylaws of AECI Charter Schools Network:

Executive Committee: Carlo Schiattarella (chair),
Paul Comrie
Shameeka Gonzalez
Alberto Villaman
Irma Zardoya

Finance Committee: Shameeka Gonzalez (chair)
Alberto Villaman
Gregory Kimble
Josh Moreau (ex-officio)

Facilities Committee: Alberto Villaman (Chair)
Carlo Schiattarella
Irma Zardoya
Flora Edwards, Esq (Ex-officio)

Academic Committee: Irma Zardoya (Chair)
Paul Comrie
Robert Burton

Personnel Committee -Shameeka Gonzalez (Chair)
Irma Zardoya
HR Director (ex-officio)
Flora Edwards (ex-officio)

Moved by Paul Comrie and seconded by Gregory Kimble. Approved unanimously

3. Board Calendar

Moved by Shameeka Gonzzlez seconded by Gregory Kimble to approve the Board Calendar for 2023-2024 . Approved Unanimously.

4. School Calendar

Moved by Gregory Kimble seconded by Paul Comrie to approve the School Calendar for 2023-2024 subject to conformation that it is in full compliance. Approved Unanimously.

5. Resolution in Recognition and Appreciation of Service by Ricardo Cosme Ruiz

WHEREAS, Ricardo Cosme Ruiz has graciously volunteered his time and expertise as a member of the Board of Trustees for the AECI Charter School Network since December, 2017 though June, 2023; and

WHEREAS, during his service on the Board of Directors, Ricardo Cosme Ruiz provided invaluable insight, perspective, and guidance to the Board to assist the AECI Charter School Network in fulfilling its mission; and

WHEREAS, the AECI Charter School Network seeks to publicly recognize Richard Cosme Ruiz's commitment, dedication, and invaluable contributions to the Corporation and its mission;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the AECI Charter School Network acknowledges and extends its gratitude to Ricardo Cosme Ruiz for his distinguished service to the Board and his lasting contributions to the the AECI Charter School Network and its mission and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution is saved in the permanent minutes of the AECI Charter School Network and a copy of this Resolution is given to RICARDO COSME RUIZ.

As adopted unanimously on this 11th day of July 2023 by the Board of Trustees

6. CEO Report

- a. The leadership of both schools was acknowledged for the ir efforts in working with our students and for the results we have achieved.
- b. Work continues on the plans on the development of Network Middle Schools
- c. The next phase of renewal and expansion has begun involving Board support for the Network and its Schools.
- d. Work continues on the creation of a 5-year strategic plan which aligns the plan to the addition of the middle school to guide the Network's growth and direction is in progress.
- e. Examination began of the summer school and bridge progress and the measurement of the impact of these programs on the impact of these programs on the graduation rate.
- f. Efforts are under way to assess the impact of our programs on the success rate of our students in college.

7. HR Report

Work continues on the following initiatives:

- a. Implementation of the transfer from PEO system to a self-sustaining system for the administration of benefits and payroll.
 - b. Transfer of administration of the 401K to Capital Group which provides greater options for participants and which provides a dedicated financial advisor.
 - c. Transfer of health benefits program from AETNA to United Health Care
8. Principal's Report - AECI I
- a. 143 parents of incoming 9th graders have completed applications for the Fall term which is the highest number of completed applications to date. Total applications are over 800.
 - b. 110 students taking at least 1 class in summer school. In addition, 30 incoming students signed up for the summer bridge program.
 - c. Review of critical data points including:
 - i. Graduation rates
 - ii. attendance rates
 - iii. pass rates - Flagging critical points with emphasis on those areas requiring special attention.
 - iv. The development of programs which focus on address student progress in these classes was discussed and outcomes analyzed
 - v. Regents results were reviewed
9. Principal's Report - AECI II
- a. There are 405 students including - 122 Freshmen, 110 Sophomores, 79 Juniors and 94 Seniors . 139 Freshman have completed the admission process
 - b. Events
 - i. On June 26th, the Tenth Grade students took a trip to Lake Compounce
 - ii. Graduation was held on June 28th, Th graduation rate is 94%

iii July 5th marked the beginning of Summer School & Summer Boost Program

10. Academic Affairs Committee Report

The Agenda for the Board Retreat was discussed.

11 Facilities Committee

To be discussed in Executive Session.

12. New Matters

a. New Matters - AECI I

i. Birkitt

Moved by Grerory Kimble seconded by Shameeka Gonzalez to authorize the Principal to enter into a contract with Tara Birkitt to provide a 40 days of consulting services in Social Studies for AECI I at a cost not to exceed \$40,000. Approved Unanimously.

b. New Matters - AECI II

i. Consultant Contract: Tara Birkett

Moved by Gregory Kimble seconded by Shameeka Gonzalez to authorize the Principal to enter into a contract with Tara Birkett to provide a 48 days of consulting services in Social Studies to at a cost not to exceed \$57,000.

Approved unanimously.

ii. New Hires

Baysa Torres 9th grade counselor

Joann Melendez Student intervention social worker

Moved by Shammeka Gozalez seconded by Gregory Kimble. Approved Unanimously

13. Executive Session:

Moved by Shameeka Gonzalez and seconded by Paul Comrie to go into executive session at 7:36pm to discuss personnel and real estate. Approved unanimously

Moved by 8:05pm by Shameeka Gonzalez and seconded by Paul Comrie return to the record. Approved unanimously

14. Moved by Shameeka Gonzalez seconded by Paul Comrie at 8:09 pm to adjourn. Approved unanimously.