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# The Rosalyn Yalow Charter School

## Minutes

### Rescheduled October Board Meeting

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**Date and Time**

Wednesday October 16, 2019 at 6:30 PM

**Location**

116 E. 169th St., Bronx

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**Mission Statement**

The Rosalyn Yalow Charter School will eliminate the learning achievement gap for economically disadvantaged urban children—including special needs students and English language learners—by using engaging and demanding education; a team teaching model, linking an experienced teacher with a licensed social worker in grades K-2 and with a teaching fellow in later grades; rich extracurricular activities (fencing, arts, chess) to educate the whole child; and family support counseling—all in order to graduate our students at or above grade level in literacy and math.

**Vision**

Yalow's goal: Developing the whole child, encouraging each young student to excel.

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**Trustees Present**

B. Yalow, G. Feliciano, I. Ishida, I. Lee (remote), L. Howard, M. Balbuena, M. Rosen (remote), R. Lyon

**Trustees Absent**

S. Hayes

**Guests Present**

A. Diacou, I. Ishida, K. Smaw, S. Burton

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**I. Opening Items****A. Record Attendance and Guests****B. Call the Meeting to Order**

M. Balbuena called a meeting of the board of trustees of The Rosalyn Yalow Charter School to order on Wednesday Oct 16, 2019 @ 6:30 PM at 116 E. 169th St., Bronx.

**C. Approve Minutes**

B. Yalow made a motion to approve minutes from the RESCHEDULED September Board Meeting on 09-18-19.

R. Lyon seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

**II. Recap of October 10-11, 2019 NYSED Site Visit**

**A. Summary**

The board discussed in great detail the highlights of the State Visit and believed it went well. In addition the Board remains encouraged and is excited about continuing its work with the school.

The Board thanked Ms. Ishida for all the great work she achieved with student progress.

**B. Allocate additional \$25,000 to dissolution account**

M. Balbuena made a motion to to allocate \$25,000 to dissolution account.

B. Yalow seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

This will be reflected in next months financial report.

**III. Finance**

**A. 1st-quarter budget review (July-September)**

Mr. Rosen informed the board that the school is trending towards a surplus of a few hundred thousand dollars. The surplus is consistent with under spending due to a lack of teacher hiring. Mr. Yalow added that the underspending on teacher hires is offsetting revenue loss from under enrollment.

**IV. Principal Report**

**A. Summer Academy student progress update**

- Student progress during Summer Academy has not been tabulated, as yet.
- Saturday school will begin October 28th for students who are struggling or just need a little extra help.

**B. Teacher hire update as of October 11, 2019**

Two new teacher-social worker will be starting. One this upcoming Monday and the other the on November 12.

**V. Executive Director Report**

**A. Student enrollment**

Mr. Diacou distributed an email correspondence to 1,059 parents encouraging them to share the news of open enrollment for kindergarten with friends and family for their children. Applications have been received for kindergarten students, but the school is still losing a few older students.

Mr. Balbuena asked for an update each month on facilities such as conversations with Civic Builders, developers, and lenders.

## VI. Executive Session

### A. Bonus distribution

Tabled.

### B. Board Goals

Mr. Balbuena asked that the board members who serve on committees to review the committee goals and make sure they are aligned with the school goals. In addition Mr. Balbuena stated new goals for the new year will need to be identified, measurable and realistic to a year's time frame. Many of the board committee cross collaborate and the board as a whole need to make sure communication between each is clear. Personnel from the school may also participate in committee membership.

Dan Pasek Consulting is coming aboard commencing October 1, and will be assisting with board organization in addition to addressing items discussed at the September board retreat. Mr. Balbuena asked each board member to complete the board assessment located in BoardOnTrack.

### C. Other Business

Ms. Feliciano will organize an event honoring founding members sometime in June 2020.

## VII. Closing Items

### A. Adjourn Meeting

M. Balbuena made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

G. Feliciano seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 8:28 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
L. Howard