

APPROVED



The Rosalyn Yalow Charter School

Minutes

Special Board Meeting

Date and Time

Tuesday October 8, 2024 at 7:15 PM

Location

Zoom Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82310280945?pwd=08E7rupVfP5ol4ZMEr5rzyajPQnbTh.1>

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.

Trustees Present

Ben Yalow, Dr. Debra Dennard, Dr. Justin McCrary, Dr. Ross Lyon, Dr. Sandra Hayes

Trustees Absent

Gregoria Feliciano

Guests Present

Alec Diacou, Kim Smaw, Kirsten Barclay

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

Dr. Ross Lyon called a meeting of the board of trustees of The Rosalyn Yalow Charter School to order on Tuesday Oct 8, 2024 at 7:15 PM.

C. Approve Minutes

Ben Yalow made a motion to approve the minutes from Monthly Board Meeting & Finance Committee Meeting on 09-17-24.

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

II. Charter Revision Applications

A. Charter Revision request: Key Design Element related to team teaching

Dr. Lyon explained the revision and purpose of shifting from team teaching to one teacher and push-in supports at 6th-8th Grades and the board discussed the needs of middle school students.

Dr. Justin McCrary made a motion to Approve the resolution.

Dr. Sandra Hayes seconded the motion.

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

B. Charter Revision request: grade level promotion and retention policy

Dr. Lyon explained the purpose of revising the policy in light of the grade-level expansion and need to assess incoming students. Mr. Diacou explained how the new policy will be implemented.

Dr. Justin McCrary made a motion to Approve the resolution.

Ben Yalow seconded the motion.

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

C. Charter Revision request: Enrollment Policy

Dr. Lyon explained the purpose of revising the policy to allow for a lottery at all grade levels in light of the grade level expansion and increasing access to more families. Mr. Diacou explained how the lottery will work.

Ben Yalow made a motion to Approve the resolution.

Dr. Sandra Hayes seconded the motion.

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

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Modification to prior Charter Revision request: increase in chartered enrollment

Dr. Lyon explained the need to increase enrollment once the 6th-8th grade seats open up. Dr. Yalow explained an expected initial drop in enrollment and Mr. Diacou explained NYSED has been advised of the enrollment drop for the current year and for 2025-26.

Dr. Justin McCrary made a motion to Approve the resolution.

Dr. Sandra Hayes seconded the motion.

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

III. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:33 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kirsten Barclay

Documents used during the meeting

- Redlined-Benchmark 8 - Revised 10.2.24(18474560.1).pdf
- Promotion and Retention Policy Revised 10.8.24.pdf
- Redlined-Promotion and Retention Policy - Revised October 8, 2024(18474602.1).pdf
- Enrollment Policy and Procedures 10.8.24.pdf
- Redlined Revision Enrollment Policy - 10.1.24(18472145.1).pdf