

# FOR DISADVANTAGED URBAN CHILDREN

# The Rosalyn Yalow Charter School Minutes Special Board Meeting

Date and Time

Tuesday, November 18, 2025 at 6:30 PM

Trustees Present

Ben Yalow, Dr. Ross Lyon, Dr. Sandra Hayes, Krisztina Geosits, Dr. Debra Dennard

Trustees Absent

None

Guests Present

Alec Diacou, Kim Smaw, Colin Smith (BSK)

I. Opening Items

Dr. Ross Lyon called a meeting of the board of trustees of The Rosalyn Yalow Charter School to order on Tuesday November 18, 2025 at 6:32 PM.

Dr. Ross Lyon made a motion to approve the minutes from Monthly Board Meeting & Finance Committee Meeting on 10-16-25.

The board VOTED unanimously to approve the motion.

Ben Yalow made a motion to approve the agenda. The board VOTED unanimously to approve the motion.

## II. Governance

# A. Nomination of Additional Board Members

Rosalyn Yalow Charter School Bylaws read, "The Corporation's Board will have a minimum of five members and a maximum of fifteen members." Currently there are five members.

Prospective candidates are Thomas G. Pournaras and John Koobatian. Candidates were interviewed by board members on November 8, 2025.

### B. New Board member vote

Thomas G. Pournaras has had a distinguished 30-year career as an institutional bond broker on Wall Street, and currently works as a real estate salesperson for Daniel Gale Sotheby's International Realty. T. Pournaras requested an unsuppressed state and federal criminal history record check via fingerprinting using the IdentoGO center approved by NYSED.

RESOLVED, the Rosalyn Yalow Charter School Board of Trustees, having conducted a thorough criminal history record check via fingerprinting which is deemed acceptable by NYSED, and having discovered no State or federal criminal history, or having provided information regarding such history to NYSED, if found, and having verified that any academic and/or professional credential or qualification presented by the proposed member is genuine, and having reviewed the application in its entirety, has voted to select Thomas G. Pournaras as a member to its Board of Trustees, with a term expiring on August 31, 2027, pending approval by NYSED. This resolution approving Mr. Pournaras is adopted upon NYSED's approval.

The Board of Trustees authorizes Alec Diacou, Executive Director, to submit this resolution to the NYSED Charter School Office on its behalf.

Dr. Ross Lyon made a motion to approve the Resolution.

The Board UNANIMOUSLY approved the Resolution.

#### C. New Board member vote

John Koobatian is a Senior Associate in the healthcare team at Golub Capital, LLC, an \$85 billion private equity firm. Previously he worked as an investment banker at Citigroup, Inc. in the Financial Strategy Group, advising clients on corporate finance strategies and risk mitigation. J. Koobatian requested an unsuppressed state and federal criminal history record check via fingerprinting using the IdentoGO center approved by NYSED.

RESOLVED, the Rosalyn Yalow Charter School Board of Trustees, having conducted a thorough criminal history record check via fingerprinting which is deemed acceptable by NYSED, and having discovered no State or federal criminal history, or having provided information regarding such history to NYSED, if found, and having verified that any academic and/or professional credential or qualification presented by the proposed member is genuine, and having reviewed the application in its entirety, has voted to select John G. Koobatian as a member to its Board of Trustees, with a term expiring on August 31, 2027, pending approval by NYSED. This resolution approving Mr. Koobatian is adopted upon NYSED's approval.

The Board of Trustees authorizes Alec Diacou, Executive Director, to submit this resolution to the NYSED Charter School Office on its behalf.

Dr. Ross Lyon made a motion to approve the Resolution.

The Board UNANIMOUSLY approved the Resolution.

III. Closing Items

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 6:38.

Respectfully submitted, Colin Smith