

**Board Meeting Minutes
 NYOS Charter School, Inc.
 August 19, 2021**

THIS MEETING WAS CONDUCTED BY VIDEO CONFERENCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE GOVERNOR'S AUTHORIZATION CONCERNING SUSPENSION OF CERTAIN OPEN MEETING LAW REQUIREMENTS FOR THE COVID-19 DISASTER.

Call to Order

1. Upon determining the presence of a quorum, Dr. David Molina called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Name	Office	Present	Absent	Arrived Late	Departed Early
David Molina, Ph.D.	Community Member & Chair	X			
Kari Honea, Esq.	Secondary Parent Member & Vice Chair			X	
Jennifer L. Chidsey	Community Member & Parliamentarian	X			
Kim Cavett	Elementary Teacher Member & Secretary	X			
Alyssa Moore	Community Member	X			
Joann Jordan	Community Member		X		
Jonathon Kniss	Community Member	X			
Nina Loehr	Elementary Parent Member	X			
Sarah R. Gonzalez	Elementary Parent Member	X			
Matthew Wester	Elementary Teacher Member	X			
Vibha Montiero	Secondary Parent Member	X			
Penola "Pen" Edwards	Secondary Teacher Member	X			
Peter Erickson	Secondary Teacher Member	X			
Elif Painaik '23	Student Member	X			
Kathleen Zimmermann	Executive Director	X			
Joe Watkins	Director of Operations	X			
Julie Atchley	Director of Academics	X			
Hweilu Chen	Director of Finance	X			
Will Jamarillo	Secondary Principal	X			
Terry Berkenhoff	Elementary Principal	X			

General Session

2. Approval of Agenda: The Board discussed the agenda for the meeting. [No changes.]

Alyssa made the motion to accept the agenda.

Vibha seconded.

The motion passed unanimously.

3. Public Comment:

Liz Nguyen (Parent/Guardian): She shared her concerns with NYOS not issuing a mask mandate and her worries that we will lose families if we do not have one.

Ketan Patel (Parent/Guardian): He brought up the option of putting mandatory masks into the school dress code. He suggested the Board look into options for virtual schooling.

Leslie Guerrero Collins (Parent/Guardian): She shared the importance of having safe, outdoor options for eating lunch and snacks and looking into more permanent options. She also shared the importance of having a strong plan for eating indoors when there is bad weather.

Aurelia Savener (Student): She shared the research and recommendation from the CDC for universal masking in schools.

Mariette Hummel (Parent/Guardian): She shared her family's decision to pull her son from NYOS due to the lack of mask mandate and lack of communication from the school.

Anne Schaefer (Parent/Guardian): She shared how her children are too young to be vaccinated and that her children's classmates are not all masking. She wants NYOS to have a mask mandate.

Anne LeBlanc (Parent/Guardian): She shared her experience as a new NYOS parent and a health care professional. She talked about the asymptomatic parents are spreading the virus. She asks that we have a universal mask mandate.

Julie Meyer (Parent/Guardian): She shared appreciation to NYOS teachers in spite of the difficult start of the year. She wants NYOS to pass a universal mask mandate along with increasing testing and improving contact tracing.

Chris Hefner (Parent/Guardian): He shared appreciation to NYOS teachers. He asks the Board to discuss the legal implication with the governor's mandate.

Marisa Perryman (Parent/Guardian): She shared that her children are unvaccinated and is in favor of a mask mandate. She also shared TEA's recent announcement that they will not be enforcing the governor's order until the legal matter is settled.

Elizabeth Guilbeau (Parent/Guardian): She talked about her disappointment in the

transparency from NYOS. She also shared that she would like the COVID dashboard to be kept up to date and clearer communication to parents when there are COVID cases at school.

Andrea Tanner (Parent/Guardian): She shared that she was a former teacher and a current sub and parent of NYOS. She shared that she left the parent Facebook page due to the treatment of parents to each other. She also shared that she is against mask mandates, but not masking.

Kelli Huff (Parent/Guardian): She asked why some class sizes are exceeding the maximum class size and if that is permanent or will be reduced.

Ariel Rawlings (Parent/Guardian): She shared her experience with her own child who had COVID. She is not in favor of a mask mandate but a decision for each parent.

Drew Bohan (Parent/Guardian): He shared his belief that NYOS should allow parents to have the choice in whether their child wears a mask or not.

Joshua Green (Parent/Guardian): He is in favor of a mask mandate and that the science supports universal masking.

Stephanie Green (Parent/Guardian): She shared that parents want their children in person schooling and that a mask is a minor inconvenience we can require.

MaryAnne Wilson (Parent/Guardian): She shared her concern with students being bullied by others over their decision to not wear a mask.

Nasiim Sabur-Cunningham (Parent/Guardian): She shared her experience as a new NYOS parent and her concern with her young children who are not able to be vaccinated. She is for mandating masks at NYOS.

4. New Business

- a. COVID 19 Measures on Campus: The Board discussed and voted on COVID 19 measures on campus and reviewed the plan to reduce the spread of COVID-19 document. There was a discussion of our different options along with talking through any questions on a mask requirement or the current school plan as a whole.

Kari made the motion to discuss new COVID 19 measures on campus and review the plan to reduce the spread of COVID-19.

Nina seconded.

Vibha made the motion to authorize the NYOS Executive Director to implement a mask requirement for all children and adults on campus. (Amendment - effective Monday, August 23, 2021).

Matt seconded.

The motion passed unanimously.

Jenn made the motion to make the mask requirement temporary and be revisited at each board meeting to decide on its continuance or suspension.

Vibha seconded.

The motion passed unanimously.

Vibha made the motion for an exception procedure included in the resolution and for it to be communicated to the NYOS community.

Alyssa seconded.

The motion passed unanimously.

The Board took a recess at 8:44 p.m. The Board returned from recess at 8:56 p.m.

David presented a draft of the resolution including any amendments previously discussed.

Jenn made a motion to accept the mask resolution requirement as presented.

Vibha seconded.

The motion passed unanimously.

5. The Board discussed items for the agenda for the September 9, 2021 meeting including reviewing the mask requirement resolution.

Adjournment

Jenn made the motion to adjourn the meeting.

Kim seconded.

The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Certification:

These minutes represent a true and accurate account of the regular Board Meeting of NYOS Charter School held on August 19, 2021.

Kim Cavett

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Secretary