



# Renaissance Academy

CHARTER SCHOOL

Building Lifelong Learners

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## MINUTES BOARD OF TRUSTEES VOTING MEETING

March 16, 2023 - 7:00 PM

Google Meet link:

<https://meet.google.com/dsq-txzm-oih>

Google Slides Link:

[March Board Meeting Slides](#)

	<u>In Favor</u>	<u>Opposed</u>	<u>Abstained</u>
E.Falcone		√	
M.Reynolds	√		
G.Queen		√	
M.Greiner	√		
S.Narahari		√	
Y.Francois		√	
G.Anne Waskiewicz		√	
G.Supplee	√		
S.Akinfenwa	√		
J. Duncan		√	
M.Toloubadei	√		
<b>Total</b>	<b>11</b>		

1. Call to order - 7:01 pm

2. Opening Matters

- Pledge of Allegiance - [Flag](#)
- Attendance - (virtual, where noted)

### Board of Trustees & Administration

Elizabeth Falcone (President - Presiding);  
 Greg Queen, (Vice-President)  
 Monica Reynolds (Secretary),  
 Mark Greiner,  
 Sujaya Narahari,  
 Yvan Francois,  
 G. Anne Waskiewicz,  
 Gwendolyn Supplee,  
 Seyi Akinfenwa, (attending remotely)  
 Jonathan Duncan,  
 Moujan Toloubadei

### Administration:

Dr. Gina Guarino-Buli

David Cosme, Jr.,  
 Harold Smith  
~~Jordan Miller~~  
 Tara Webber, (attending remotely)  
 Michelle Boyd, (attending remotely)  
 Carol Schaeffer;  
 Heather Rinker; (attending remotely)  
 Kendra Gruber; (attending remotely)

- **Opening statements – E.Falcone**
  - Executive Sessions Held: before this meeting relating to student disciplinary matter

### 3. **Consent Agenda -**

- Approval of Agenda
  - Motion to add to the agenda a vote regarding the transfer of funds made by S.Narahari, Seconded by A. Waskiewicz.
- Approval of February 16, 2023 meeting minutes [Meeting Minutes](#)
- Approval of March 2, 2023 meeting minutes [03\\_02\\_23 Board Meeting Minutes.docx](#)
- Acceptance of Administration Reports
- Staff Roster by Business Manager

**Any objections to approval and acceptance of Consent Agenda items? None.**

**Result: Items in Consent Agenda are approved and accepted.**

4. **Public Comment** - If not submitted as an email, please use the “Raise Hand” feature and you will be called upon - [publiccomment@rak12.org](mailto:publiccomment@rak12.org). **No emails, no persons present or virtually made a public comment.**

5. **Administration Reports** – Outlines of Reports are now included in the google slide deck at the link provided above. *See* the slide deck linked above for details.

- Principals Report - Michelle Boyd provided a summary of her report with regard to the high school. Students completing schedules. March 22 70% of students achieved honor or high honor roll. Happy because normally see dip in honors numbers into the 60%. Scholarship total is \$10.5 million. Minority Student Union hosted a assembly to celebrate Black History Month. Upcoming Career fair on March 29<sup>th</sup>. “RA’s Finest” talent show and prom fashion show upcoming. Ms. Rinker provided a summary of her report. Observations complete and moving into teacher end of year evaluations. Parent information night on the 30<sup>th</sup>, prior to 6<sup>th</sup> graders scheduling for next year. 8<sup>th</sup> Graders joined celebrations for Black History Month. 6<sup>th</sup> Graders went on art museum field trip again. Had National Honor Society induction ceremony. Middle school dance coming up in April. Ms. Gruber provided a summary of her report. End of year evaluations ongoing. End of trimester awards going on. Royal Ball upcoming on April 1, 2023. RSVP’s in excess of 500 presently. Moving the Royal Ball to the Upper School Gym. Principal focus continues with communications with families and volunteer opportunities.
- Student Achievement Report - Mr. Cosme’s report was contained in the slide deck. Summary of Attainment and Growth report. Seeing impact of pandemic shrink. Still

seeing pre-pandemic behaviors that are higher than before, but those are decreasing. 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade seeing most impact and decrease (note double impact of greatest teacher impact for those grades as well). Things that seem to be working are: (i) filling any openings with good staff – right now seems most supportive roles, (ii) science continues to be a strength, (iii) growth in math, although not where we want to be (iv) making progress in ELA, need to balance with a focus on reading.

- CEO Report – Dr. Buli - [Report](#) Beth Falcone provided summary of Dr. Buli’s report.
- Deans of Students Report– Harold Smith provided summary of the high school report. Discussion was held regarding “other” category. Ms. Rinker provided summary of middle school and elementary school dean of student reports.

**6. Committees Meeting updates – Committee Chairs** - Outlines of Reports are now included in the google slide deck at the link provided above. *See* the slide deck for details.

- Development Committee – Mark Greiner provided summary and highlights of the report contained in the slide deck.
- Curriculum & Achievement – Gwen Supplee provided summary and highlights of the report contained in the slide deck.
- Standing Executive Session on HR – Greg Queen provided summary of report.
- Finance Committee – Written report was shared in Google slide deck. Yvan Francois provided a summary. Link contained in slide deck report.

□ Motion to transfer \$300,000 to cover March expenses made by E.Falcone, Seconded by M. Reynolds.

	<u>In Favor</u>	<u>Opposed</u>	<u>Abstained</u>
<b>E.Falcone</b>	√		
<b>M.Reynolds</b>	√		
<b>G.Queen</b>	√		
<b>M.Greiner</b>	√		
<b>S.Narahari</b>	√		
<b>Y.Francois</b>	√		
<b>G.Anne Waskiewicz</b>	√		
<b>G.Supplee</b>	√		
<b>S.Akinfenwa</b>	√		
<b>J. Duncan</b>	√		
<b>M.Toloubadei</b>	√		
<b>Total</b>	<b>11</b>		

**Result:** All in favor and none opposed. Motion carries. **Administration is AUTHORIZED to transfer \$300,000 to cover March expenses.**

- Strategic Planning Committee – Written summary shared in Google slide deck. Johnathan Duncan provided a summary.
- Climate and Culture – Mark Greiner provided a summary of his report.
- Legislative Committee – Written report was shared in Google slide deck. Anne Waskiewicz.
- Equality and Equity Committee - Sujaya Narahari provided summary of her report.

- Business Manager's Report – Carol Schaeffer. Reports were in folder.

7. **Policy Reviews/Resolutions –**

- Second Reading [Supplemental Paid Sick Leave for Public Emergencies](#)

8. **New Business –**

- Motion to make Climate and Culture Committee a permanent committee made by E.Falcone, Seconded M.Greiner.

	<u>In Favor</u>	<u>Opposed</u>	<u>Abstained</u>
<b>E.Falcone</b>	√		
<b>M.Reynolds</b>	√		
<b>G.Queen</b>	√		
<b>M.Greiner</b>	√		
<b>S.Narahari</b>	√		
<b>Y.Francois</b>	√		
<b>G.Anne Waskiewicz</b>	√		
<b>G.Supplee</b>	√		
<b>S.Akinfenwa</b>	√		
<b>J. Duncan</b>	√		

**Result:** All in favor and none opposed; Motion carries. **The Climate and Culture Committee will now be a permanent committee.**

- Nomination of new board members: Christopher Canale (Seat 3) and Connor McLaughlin (Seat 10)

- Motion to nominate Christopher Canale to serve as Trustee on the RA Board of Trustees (Seat 3) made by G.Queen; Seconded by G.Supplee

	<u>In Favor</u>	<u>Opposed</u>	<u>Abstained</u>
<b>E.Falcone</b>	√		
<b>M.Reynolds</b>	√		
<b>G.Queen</b>	√		
<b>M.Greiner</b>	√		
<b>S.Narahari</b>	√		
<b>Y.Francois</b>	√		
<b>G.Anne Waskiewicz</b>	√		
<b>G.Supplee</b>	√		
<b>S.Akinfenwa</b>	√		
<b>J. Duncan</b>	√		

**Result: All in favor and none opposed; Motion carries. Christopher Canale is NOMINATED to serve as Trustee on the RA Board of Trustees (Seat 3)**

- ☐ Motion to nominate Connor McLaughlin to serve as Trustee on the RA Board of Trustees (Seat 10) made by G.Queen; Seconded by M.Greiner

	<b><u>In Favor</u></b>	<b><u>Opposed</u></b>	<b><u>Abstained</u></b>
<b>E.Falcone</b>	√		
<b>M.Reynolds</b>	√		
<b>G.Queen</b>	√		
<b>M.Greiner</b>	√		
<b>S.Narahari</b>	√		
<b>Y.Francois</b>	√		
<b>G.Anne Waskiewicz</b>	√		
<b>G.Supplee</b>	√		
<b>S.Akinfenwa</b>	√		
<b>J. Duncan</b>	√		

**Result: All in favor and none opposed; Motion carries. Connor McLaughlin is NOMINATED to serve as Trustee on the RA Board of Trustees (Seat 10)**

● **Adoption of recommendations from student disciplinary hearings:**

- ☐ Motion to accept recommendation of Trustees present at expulsion hearing held on March 1, 2023 with respect to Student 2023-A made by E.Falcone; Seconded by G.Queen;

	<b><u>In Favor</u></b>	<b><u>Opposed</u></b>	<b><u>Abstained</u></b>
<b>E.Falcone</b>	√		
<b>M.Reynolds</b>			√
<b>G.Queen</b>	√		
<b>M.Greiner</b>	√		
<b>S.Narahari</b>	√		
<b>Y.Francois</b>	√		
<b>G.Anne Waskiewicz</b>	√		
<b>G.Supplee</b>	√		
<b>S.Akinfenwa</b>	√		
<b>J. Duncan</b>	√		

**Result: All in favor and none opposed, Reynolds abstains; Motion carries. Recommendation of trustees present at March 1, 2023 expulsion hearing is ADOPTED. Student 2023-A is EXPELLED. A written adjudication shall be issued.**

- Motion to accept recommendation of Trustees present at expulsion hearing held on March 6, 2023 with respect to Student 2023-B made by E.Falcone; Seconded by G.Queen;

	<u>In Favor</u>	<u>Opposed</u>	<u>Abstained</u>
<b>E.Falcone</b>	√		
<b>M.Reynolds</b>			√
<b>G.Queen</b>	√		
<b>M.Greiner</b>	√		
<b>S.Narahari</b>	√		
<b>Y.Francois</b>	√		
<b>G.Anne Waskiewicz</b>	√		
<b>G.Supplee</b>	√		
<b>S.Akinfenwa</b>	√		
<b>J. Duncan</b>	√		

**Result:** All in favor and none opposed; Reynolds abstains; Motion carries. **Recommendation of trustees present at March 6, 2023 expulsion hearing is ADOPTED. Student 2023-B is EXPELLED. A written adjudication shall be issued.**

- **Updated Handbook saved in drive. Please review and if there are any edits, please submit them to Anne by the end of the month.**

9. **Adjournment.** Motion to Adjourn made at 8:38 p.m. by M. Reynolds, Seconded by Jon Duncan. All in favor and none opposed. Motion carries. **Meeting ADJOURNED.**

*Monica Mathews Reynolds*

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Monica Mathews Reynolds, Trustee and Recording Secretary