

FINAL APPROVED BY UCCS BOARD 07 July 2022

Minutes
June 14, 2022 Special Meeting
UChicago Charter School Board of Directors

June 14, 2022 at 5:03p.m.

Via Zoom

Attendees

Board of Directors Members attending by Zoom: D. Abebe (presiding), T. Island-Childress, P. Ziegler, K. Callow-Wright, MaryFrances McCourt, Susana Vasquez

Board of Directors Members absent: Deborah Gorman-Smith

Also in attendance via Zoom: UEI staff J. Nowaczewski

President's Opening Remarks

President Abebe welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked Board Members for making time in busy summer schedules for a Special Board Meeting. He noted that Vice President Gorman-Smith had been involved in preparations for the meeting, but would not be present, due to family commitments.

The President made a finding that due to rising rates of COVID-19 in the Chicago area, in order to protect health and safety, it had been determined that the June 14, 2022 Special UCCS Board Meeting should be held entirely via Zoom. He noted that a quorum of five members was present on Zoom.

The President welcomed the newest Board Member, MaryFrances McCourt, noting that Ms. McCourt had been appointed by President Alivisatos to replace outgoing member Ivan Samstein. The President shared Ms. McCourt had been appointed the University's Chief Financial Officer, and he welcomed her engagement with the Charter Schools Board. Ms. McCourt thanked President Abebe and expressed her abiding interest in serving children, and her readiness to help the Charter School in its efforts moving forward.

Public Participation (5:05 p.m.)

The Agenda for the June 14, 2022, Special Meeting of the Board of Directors was published on the UChicago Charter's website and at its campuses. However, no member of the public came forward to speak during the Public Participation section of the Special Meeting.

Executive Session (5:08 p.m.)

At 5:08p.m., Member Callow-Wright made a motion to enter into Executive Session on the grounds of Sections 2c1 and 2c8 of the exceptions clause of the Illinois Open Meetings Act. Member McCourt seconded the motion, and all five Board members left the public Zoom platform and went into a separate non-public Zoom platform. The public Zoom platform remained open for the public while the Board was in Executive Session.

Return to Open Session (5:55 p.m.)

At 5:55 p.m., the five Board Members left the Executive Session and returned to the Open Session on the Public Zoom Platform.

Action Items: Approval of Certain Hires for the UCW Woodlawn Campus (5:57 p.m.)

Board President Abebe asked the Board Members if there were any motions to be considered following the Executive Session.

Member Callow-Wright made a motion to accept the Recommendation of the CEO to hire Donald Gordon as the Head of Campus for the Woodlawn Campus for the FY23 School Year. Member McCourt seconded the motion, and all five Board members present voted in favor of the motion, with enthusiasm for the appointment being expressed.

Member Callow-Wright made a motion to accept the Recommendation of the CEO to hire Ms. Shavaughn Monson as the Director of the UCCS High School, Woodlawn Campus for the FY23 School Year. Member McCourt seconded the motion. All five members present voted in favor of the motion as proposed.

Updates (5:59 p.m.)

President Abebe noted that the Academic Report on FY22, for which there was not time in the May 19, 2022 Annual Meeting, would be presented to the Board at an upcoming meeting. He also complimented the CEO and her team on the successful UCCS High School graduation held at Rockefeller Chapel on June 5, 2022. Finally, he shared his appreciation for all staff who had worked diligently on the hiring process for the Head of Campus and High School Director positions, especially Todd Barnett and LaTonya Hill, leaders and moderators of the Finalists' Forum, held June 9, 2022.

New Business & Adjournment (6:05 p.m.)

President Abebe asked for any new business, but hearing none, asked for a motion for adjournment. On a voice vote of acclimation, the Board adjourned the June 14, 2022, UCCS Special Board Meeting at 6:05 p.m.

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