

**North Star Academy Charter School of Newark  
Board of Trustees Meeting**

Monday, January 25, 2021 | 6:00 pm

**Video:** <https://uncommonschoools.zoom.us/j/98466985723>

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*The Trustees in attendance: Rick Rieder, Bob Howitt, Ezdehar Abuhatab, Scott Sleyster, Trisha Scipio, Nicole Bearce, Lawrence Evans, Paul Bambrick-Santoyo, Ravi Bellur, Steven Creekmur, Doug McNeely, Jamey Verrilli  
Absentee Trustee: Thomas Redburn,  
Also present: Juliana Worrell, Karin Gerald, Christine Carvalho, Denisse Rodriguez, Michael Mann, Adna Zejnilovic*

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. by Rick Rieder, who noted that the meeting had been duly publicized, as required by law, in the Star Ledger and El Coqui with updated teleconference information posted on the North Star Academy website.

It having been moved and duly seconded, the trustees voted unanimously to approve the minutes from the December 7, 2020 board meeting.

Mr. Bambrick-Santoyo gave an update on extended remote learning for the 2020–2021 School Year.

Mr. Rieder then opened the floor to public comments. No public comments were made.

A motion was made to move to executive session. It having been moved and duly seconded, the board voted unanimously to adjourn at 6:44 pm.

Ms. Gerald gave a brief External Affairs update on the charter renewal application decision received from the NJ Department of Education.

After declaring a desire to return to open session, it having been moved and duly seconded, the Board voted unanimously to reconvene to open session at 6:56 pm.

Mr. Bellur shared updates from the Finance and Facilities Committee. Ms. Gerald presented the following financial items to the Board for approval:

- Approval of Check Register and Purchase Orders
- Approval of Budget, Balance Sheet and Treasurer's Report
- Resolution to approve the Addressing Student Learning Loss Grant
- Resolution to renew annual Line of Credit

It having been moved and duly seconded, the trustees voted unanimously to approve the aforementioned resolutions and reports.

Ms. Gerald then presented the following Administrative items to the Board for approval:

- Resolution to approve 2019-20 NJ Monitoring Corrective Action Plan
- Approval of Honor Ridge Academy contract for Special Education Services
- Approval of Brownstone School contract for Special Education Services
- Approval of Gateway School contract for Special Education Services

It having been moved and duly seconded, the trustees voted unanimously to approve the aforementioned resolutions and reports.

Ms. Gerald then briefly reminded the Board of the upcoming Annual Ethics Disclosure Forms, which are expected to arrive from the State of New Jersey Department of Education in February 2021.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

THE NEXT BOARD MEETING will be held on Monday, March 15<sup>th</sup>.

Location will depend on status of closure but is tentatively scheduled to take place via zoom.