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### Atmosphere Academy Public Charter Schools Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes June 14, 2016

Atmosphere Academy Charter School Building  
22 Marble Hill Avenue  
New York, New York 10463

**Board Members Attending:**

Mr. Mervin Burton  
Mr. Alan Dillon  
Mr. Jesse J. Greene, Jr  
Dr. Michael Lagas  
Dr. Evan Powderly

**Board Members Absent:**

Father Thomas Lynch

**Others in Attendance:**

Mr. Colin J. Greene  
Ms. Michelle Rumph(CSBM)  
Mr. Nethaneel Cleary  
Mr. Christian Roman  
Mr. Michael Livolsi (Attorney)  
Maireni Chapman (parent)  
Mrs. Jane Tulley

At approximately 5:05 PM Dr. Powderly called the meeting to order.

The attendees were then led in the pledge of allegiance.

There were no revisions to the agenda. The agenda was moved and adopted by vote of the board.

**Agenda Item 5.1**

Mr. Colin Greene opened with a discussion of the complaint regarding bus traffic by a resident of Marble Hill Avenue. Mr. Greene explained the actions the school took to obtain a sign designating a bus parking area in front of the building during school hours. He further explained that the complaint policy was sent to the resident.

Mr. Greene also explained actions he is taking to communicate with the community by attending Community Board 8 meetings among other actions. He also discussed his communication with the local police precinct.

He noted that since buses are only provided to 6<sup>th</sup> grade students, no additional bus volume will occur as the school grows to the 7<sup>th</sup> grade next year.

### **Agenda Item 5.2 New Director**

Mr. Colin Greene introduced the newly hired Director of Curriculum and Instruction to the board. She addressed the board, and the board then moved on her appointment and voted unanimously to appoint her to the position.

### **Agenda Item 5.3. Finance**

MMB addressed the Board by telephone. The objective was to communicate audit planning matters to the Board. The Board reviewed engagement objectives, audit approach, new developments such as uniform grant guidance, leases, revenue recognition and other matters. The audit service team, engagement timing, and audit support expected from the school were also discussed.

Next the Board and Mr. Greene discussed the cash flow for the fiscal year. Both net income and cash flow are positive for the year.

Ms. Michelle Rumph of CSBM reported on the financial results of the school. Her report covered the period through May of 2016. She discussed the 2015-2016 fiscal year results projected, the key drivers, new revenues expected and major commitments expected. The Board expressed their satisfaction of the 2015-2016 financial outcome. Ms. Rumph also discussed early projections of 2016-2017. The Board expressed a desire to have continued improvement in financial performance trends for the next fiscal year.

### **Agenda Item 5.4. Contracts**

Mr. Colin Greene next discuss the hiring of the new financial firm, M Group, replacing CSBM for many of the day to day financial processes. The annual fixed cost was discussed. The support from the Director of Operations and Operations Team for the M Group's work was noted. The Board moved and voted to approve the hiring of M Group.

Mr. Greene explained that CSBM will be retained in the next fiscal year to handle grants and other selected matters for a lower cost.

### **Agenda Item 5.5. Health Benefit Plans**

Mr. Greene presented a new health benefit package for employees for consideration by the board. Mr. John Shulman of Shulman Brokerage explained the new ideas. The new plans lower cost to the employee and the school. After discussion, the Board moved and voted to adopted these new benefits.

### **Agenda Item 5.6. 2016-2017 Budget**

Mr. Greene presented the 2016-2017 budget. This budget is for submission to SUNY, the school's authorizer. After discussion board members expressed a need for more cash savings as well as more contributions and fund raising in the new year. The budget shows a small surplus for the new year. The Board moved and voted to adopt the budget.

### **Agenda Item 5.7 Enrollment Update**

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Mr. Greene noted that most of the current students have signed up to return for the coming year. The school has 420 applications in hand and expects to fill all 249 seats for the next school year.

**Agenda Item 5.8 Academic Update.**

Mr. Greene presented preliminary DOE results. More details are expected later in the year.

The Board then voted to go into executive session.

After emerging from executive session the meeting was adjourned.