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### Atmosphere Academy Public Charter Schools

#### Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

July 16, 2015

Atmosphere Academy Charter School Building

22 Marble Hill Avenue

New York, New York 10464

**Board Members Attending:**

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

**Board Members Absent:**

Father Thomas Lynch  
Dr. Migdalia Maldonado-Torres  
Mr. Grant Grastorf  
Ms. Vincenza Corcoran

**Others in Attendance:**

Mr. Colin Greene  
No public representation  
Michelle Rumph CSBM

Dr. Evan Powderly called the meeting to order at approximately 5PM.

The Pledge of Allegiance was waived due to no flag being on site.

The meeting was held in the library of the school for the first time.

Dr. Powderly led a discussion of the board attendance and since a quorum was not present no decisions were presented for consideration and none were needed at this meeting.

Since there was no public representation there were no comments from the public to record for agenda item #4.

Dr. Powderly asked for general updates on progress regarding the school:

Mr. Colin Greene gave a brief update on progress of the build out of the school. The work is progressing rapidly and should be completed on time for opening on August 24. The leadership is considering a ribbon cutting ceremony for the school but the date has not been set.

Ms. Michelle Rumph from CSBM gave a review of the pre-opening budget through June 2015. She noted that the school had used about half of the CSP grant.

Mr. Colin Greene then discussed the student mix in terms of what district they are from, mostly School district 10 and the good balance between boys and girls.

He then discussed some of the technology being installed in the school in terms of SmartBoards, Chromebooks, and iPads.

Next he covered the need for a nurse. He noted that since no students at the time needed medication the Department of Education would not pay for a nurse and so the school was preparing to hire a part time nurse.

Mr. Colin Greene then discussed the possible need for another SPED teacher which will be determined by the final count of students needing that service.

Mr. Colin Greene noted the monthly meeting with parents. The last meeting had 80 to 100 parents present. Typical questions are around uniforms and transportation.

He also noted that the school has been approved for a school bus for this coming school year.

It was noted that the budget for the year ending June 2016 current indicated a deficit of \$98,000 without a nurse and a deficit of \$118,000 with a nurse. Efforts are underway to manage this down. In addition it was noted that because of all the start-up investments there will be a cash flow shortage starting in the fall. A loan will be needed to carry the school through this period until the end of the school year and all revenues are received. Mr. Jesse Greene explained his willingness to provide that loan and the interest rate permitted, which will be the "Prime" rate plus 100 basis points. Mr. J. Greene asked for the continued strong support of the board to assure the academic success of the school.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.