

## Board Meeting Minutes



### Atmosphere Academy Public Charter Schools Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes February 26, 2025 Zoom Meeting

Board Members in Attendance:	Board Members Not in Attendance:	Members of the Public in Attendance:
<b><u>Atmosphere Trustees</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dr. Michael Lagas</li><li>• Mr. Jesse J. Greene, Jr.</li><li>• Mr. Alan Dillon</li><li>• Mr. Colin Greene (ex officio, CEO)</li></ul>	<b><u>Atmosphere Trustees</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mr. James Spitzer</li><li>• Rabbi Binyamin Krauss</li></ul>	<b><u>Atmosphere Staff</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ms. Sheila Pagan</li><li>• Mr. Christian Roman</li><li>• Elizabeth Nash</li><li>• Ms. Lena Litvak</li><li>• Ms. Joye Rice</li><li>• Mr. Michael Roach</li><li>• Mr. Reginald Jay</li></ul> <b><u>Students</u></b> <p>Ms. Jahnyah Morgan Ms. Kim Garcia Mr. and Mrs. Brandom and Dorian Guzman Ms. Olivia Aguiã</p> <b><u>4<sup>th</sup> Sector Solutions</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mr. Zachary Cohen</li><li>• Mr. Joe Keeney</li><li>• Mr. Robert Keogh</li></ul>

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### **Agenda Item 1. Call to Order**

At approximately 5:03pm Mr. Michael Lagas called the Board meeting to order.

### **Agenda Item 2. Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was not performed as the meeting was held over Zoom.

### **Agenda Item 3. Board Reports**

To be covered in the agenda.

### **Agenda Item 4. Comments From the Public**

There was no public in attendance and therefore no comments were offered.

### **Agenda Item 5. Revision and Adoption of Agenda**

No revisions to Agenda.

### **Agenda Item 6. MS Achievement Update**

Atmosphere's Achievement Director, Lena Litvak, reviewed the following trends with the Board:

- The MS achievement midline tests have been updated and revised to align with new testing structures from NYSED, including computer-based testing and question allocations by question type and question format.
- Results from the midline predict that students are on track to match past expected performance, but that more work is needed to strengthen the probability of this outcome and perhaps exceed the goal.
- Scholars have done well with computer based testing and have not seen a negative impact from its implementation, which is not the case at all schools around NYS.
- Achievement lessons and scope and sequence have had to evolve to match CBT and the new number of questions in each category.
- The key post-midline actions steps have included creating bubble data groups and more sprints to accelerate and measure growth between now and the state test.
- Saturdays are starting this weekend March 1st.
- After school sessions are for scholars that do not show up to their assigned Saturdays.

Michael Lagas asked about 6th graders that came from schools other than Atmosphere and if we know how they took the test in their former school. Lena Litvak responded that we don't know the format used in their prior school, but we do know what their skill level is and when they started in the atmosphere.

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### **Agenda Item 7. Finance Update**

Zachary Cohen from 4th Sector reviewed the financial package, including balance sheet as well as actual January 2025 cash balance and cash flow. Covered topics included reconciliation, administration/staff stipends, AP paydown. Discussion on enrollment, benchmarks, loan, coming cash flow needs, account payable and expense lines.

### **Agenda Item 8. Enrollment Update**

Atmosphere's Family Engagement Leader, Joye Rice,

### **Agenda Item 9. Board Approvals**

The Board approved the December 2024 Board Meeting Minutes.

Jesse Greene motioned to approve.

Alan Dillon seconded the motion.

Vote Aye: A. Dillon, M. Lagas, J. Greene, Jr.

Aye: None

### **Agenda Item 10. Executive Session**

The Board voted to enter into executive session to discuss the medical, financial, credit, or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal, or removal of a particular person or corporation

Jesse Greene motioned to go into executive session.

Alan Dillon seconded the motion.

Vote Aye: A. Dillon, M. Lagas, J. Greene, Jr.

Aye: None

### **Agenda Item 11. College Placement Update**

Michael Roach, Reginald Jay, and Christian Roman introduced various 12th grade scholars who reviewed their college acceptances and college admission journey.

### **Agenda Item 12. Consent Agenda**

There were no consent agenda items

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### **Agenda Item 13. Unfinished Business**

There was no unfinished business items

### **Agenda Item 14. New Business**

There was no new business items

### **Agenda Item 15. Adjournment**

The Board moved to adjourn the meeting

Jesse Greene moved to adjourn.

Alan Dillon seconded the motion.

Vote Aye: A. Dillon, M. Lagas, J. Greene, Jr.

Aye: None

Meeting adjourned.