



**Social Justice Public Charter School
Board of Trustees Meeting
January 29, 2025 (held via Zoom)**

Board Members Present: Neils Ribeiro-Yemofio (NRY), Joel Smith Goering (JSG), Eric Goldstein (EG), Tiffany Gillis Brown (TGB), Aaron Stallworth (AS), Caitlin Campbell-Hahn (CCH), Marcus Dantley (MD), Yinnie Tse (YT)

Board Members Absent: Dionne McDonald (DM), Shannon Hodge (SH)

Staff Members Present: Myron Long (ML), Executive Director

Guests Present: Shannon Wright (SW), Joseph Speight (JS)

A. Meeting Opening: Roll Call; Establishment of Quorum; Call to Order

NRY called the meeting to order at 6:10pm and established quorum with 7 board members present.

ML shared the mission moment: Staff visited the shell of the new facility. Planning for the space is moving along, with a planned opening in SY26-27. There may be other schools occupying the former modular site or in the same corridor. The board could possibly visit the site at an upcoming meeting.

NRY asked for a motion to approve the January board meeting agenda. CCH made a motion and EG seconded. The motion passed unanimously with no abstentions (YT was not present for this vote).

B. Approval of November 2024 Minutes

JSG moved to approve the November 2024 board meeting minutes. CCH seconded. The motion carried unanimously with no abstentions (YT was not present for this vote).

C. Approval of New Board Members

NRY re-introduced Joseph Speight, a prospective board member who observed the November meeting. NRY also introduced Shannon Wright, an SJS parent, who is observing the meeting today as a prospective member of the board. SJS board members introduced themselves and welcomed Shannon.

JSG moved to approve the addition of Joseph Speight as a board member of Social Justice School. TGB seconded. NRY took a roll call vote. The motion passed unanimously with none abstaining (YT was not present for this vote).

D. Executive Director Updates

ML shared updates on SJS's intergenerational guaranteed income program, recruitment and enrollment, staffing updates, SJS's placement on the financial monitoring list, the five-year charter review, fundraising, upcoming academic improvement efforts, recent legislative updates, and SJS's upcoming celebration of learning.

E. Committee Reports

Finance, Audit and Facilities: JSG presented the revised financial policies and procedures, which were discussed at the November board meeting, and reminded the board of the updates to the policy. YT moved to approve the revised financial policies and procedures. NRY seconded. The motion carried with no abstentions.

YT presented the 990 for the board's approval. NRY moved to approve the 990 and EG seconded. The motion carried unanimously with no abstentions.



JSG presented the FAFC's proposal that the board approve a revolving line of credit with PNC bank. This is intended only for short-term cash flow emergencies in the future. We have no plans to tap the line. It will be available if needed. The Finance Committee recommends the CEO be required to submit a plan for repayment and obtain approval from the Finance Committee prior to using the line of credit. CCH moved to approve the revolving line of credit with PNC and YT seconded. The motion carried unanimously with no abstentions.

YT presented the November financials and asked ML to speak to adjustments that have impacted SJS's gross margin for the year. YT noted that the FAFC also discussed SJS's enrollment variance, and the committee will be adding enrollment variance to future FAFC updates to the full board.

Governance Committee: NRY shared updates from the governance committee's recent meetings, and highlighted the proposed by-law updates. NRY asked board members to review the proposed by-law updates and be prepared to vote on the revised by-laws in the next board meeting.

School Performance Committee: CCH presented the SPC's assessment of SJS's charter goal attainment in advance of the five-year review. The board briefly discussed the summary and ML outlined academic improvement efforts ongoing at SJS, including the "empowerment" block and revisions to interim assessments to make sure they are aligned with statewide summative assessments.

F. Closing

NRY called for a motion to adjourn. YT moved to adjourn and TGB seconded. The motion carried with all in favor and no abstentions (EG was not present for this vote). The meeting was adjourned at 7:35pm.