

***Barack Obama Green Charter Schools
Board of Trustees – General Meeting***

November 15, 2023
7:00 PM

MEETING AGENDA

Call to order by Board Secretary and Roll Call:

Time: 7:03 PM

	Gregory Hambric President	Nicholl Rogers Community Representative	John Miller Community Representative	Tania Khalfani Community Representative	Jamal Walden Community Representative	Darlene Williams Community Representative	Monique Foye Community Representative
Present	X		X	X		X	X
Absent		X			X		

Present Administrators

Erin Murphy-Richardson

Joan Orimaco

Open Public Meeting Act Statement

“This meeting is held in accordance with NJ Public Law 1975 c. 231, the Open Public Meetings Law, by publishing a legal notice in the NJ Advance Media-Legal Ads.”

Public Agency Compliance Statement:

“If any contracts were awarded this meeting or prior to the next meeting of The Barack Obama Green Charter Schools, the awarded company/firm will be required to comply with the requirements of Public Law 1975, c.127”

Public Comment Statement:

“The Board welcomes public comment on educational and school issues. All comments should be directed to the Board President. The Board will not entertain personal complaints from school personnel unless the chain of command has been followed, without satisfaction. Matters should only be brought to the Board of Trustees, once all avenues within the administrative chain of command of the school have been exhausted. Furthermore, the Board cannot respond to any complaints from the public directed at any district employee or student, as the Board must protect each employee and each student’s right to privacy.

Those wishing to share comments during this portion of the meeting are asked to state their name and address. Each speaker will be given five minutes, with a total of thirty minutes set asking for public participation in this portion of the meeting”.

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the Agenda as presented.

	Gregory Hambric President	Nicholl Rogers Community Representative	John Miller Community Representative	Tania Khalfani Community Representative	Jamal Walden Community Representative	Darlene Williams Community Representative	Monique Foye Community Representative
1 st	X						
2 nd			X				
Aye	X		X	X		X	X
Nay							
Abstain							

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Motion to accept the meeting minutes from the 10/18/23 general meeting.

	Gregory Hambric President	Nicholl Rogers Community Representative	John Miller Community Representative	Tania Khalfani Community Representative	Jamal Walden Community Representative	Darlene Williams Community Representative	Monique Foye Community Representative
1 st						X	
2 nd				X			
Aye	X		X	X		X	X
Nay							
Abstain							

FINANCE

The following financial reports pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23, 1(a)3 that no line item account abs encumbrances and expenditures which in total exceed the line item appropriation in violation of N.J.A.C 6A23-2.11(a) as certified by the Board Secretary, and pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-211(c)4 that no major account or fund has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23-02.11 (b) as contained in the Board Secretary's Report, and/or Treasurer's Report.

Motion for approval and ratification of expenditures for the month of November 2023 in the amount of \$ 418,130.99 and approval to pay additional bills as needed between this meeting and the next meeting with a list to be presented for ratification at the next meeting.

	Gregory Hambric President	Nicholl Rogers Community Representative	John Miller Community Representative	Tania Khalfani Community Representative	Jamal Walden Community Representative	Darlene Williams Community Representative	Monique Foye Community Representative
1 st	X						
2 nd			X				
Aye	X		X	X		X	X

Nay							
Abstain							

Motion to approve the payroll for October 30, 2023 in the amount of \$ 158,478.21 and November 15, 2023 in the amount of \$ 162,762.34.

	Gregory Hambric President	Nicholl Rogers Community Representative	John Miller Community Representative	Tania Khalfani Community Representative	Jamal Walden Community Representative	Darlene Williams Community Representative	Monique Foye Community Representative
1st						X	
2nd				X			
Aye	X		X	X		X	X
Nay							
Abstain							

Motion to approve the Board Secretary's report for October 2023.

	Gregory Hambric President	Nicholl Rogers Community Representative	John Miller Community Representative	Tania Khalfani Community Representative	Jamal Walden Community Representative	Darlene Williams Community Representative	Monique Foye Community Representative
1st						X	
2nd			X				
Aye	X		X	X		X	X
Nay							
Abstain							

Motion to approve the Treasurer's report for October 2023.

	Gregory Hambric President	Nicholl Rogers Community Representative	John Miller Community Representative	Tania Khalfani Community Representative	Jamal Walden Community Representative	Darlene Williams Community Representative	Monique Foye Community Representative
1st	X						
2nd				X			
Aye	X		X	X		X	X
Nay							
Abstain							

Motion to approve the Bills List report for October 2023 in the amount of \$ 588,587.11.

	Gregory Hambric President	Nicholl Rogers Community Representative	John Miller Community Representative	Tania Khalfani Community Representative	Jamal Walden Community Representative	Darlene Williams Community Representative	Monique Foye Community Representative
1st	X						
2nd			X				
Aye	X		X	X		X	X
Nay							
Abstain							

Motion to approve transfer as identified on the attached report for Fund 10 transfers only.

	Gregory Hambric President	Nicholl Rogers Community Representative	John Miller Community Representative	Tania Khalfani Community Representative	Jamal Walden Community Representative	Darlene Williams Community Representative	Monique Foye Community Representative
1 st				X			
2 nd	X						
Aye	X		X	X		X	X
Nay							
Abstain							

PRESENTATION BY HEAD OF SCHOOL/HS PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Report	November	October
Harassment, Intimidation & Bullying Report	0	0
Suspension Report	6	1
Emergency Preparedness Drills	2	2
Student Enrollment	313	311

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to approve the Aftercare Program.

	Gregory Hambric President	Nicholl Rogers Community Representative	John Miller Community Representative	Tania Khalfani Community Representative	Jamal Walden Community Representative	Darlene Williams Community Representative	Monique Foye Community Representative
1 st				X			
2 nd						X	
Aye	X		X	X		X	X
Nay							
Abstain							

Motion to approve the use of a salary expense account to cover for Aftercare program salaries covered by certified and non-certified staff with the rate of \$ 40 (certified staff) and \$ 20 (non-certified staff) per hour.

	Gregory Hambric President	Nicholl Rogers Community Representative	John Miller Community Representative	Tania Khalfani Community Representative	Jamal Walden Community Representative	Darlene Williams Community Representative	Monique Foye Community Representative
1 st						X	
2 nd							X
Aye	X		X	X		X	X
Nay							

Abstain							
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Motion to approve the job description: Project Coordinator as presented.

	Gregory Hambric President	Nicholl Rogers Community Representative	John Miller Community Representative	Tania Khalfani Community Representative	Jamal Walden Community Representative	Darlene Williams Community Representative	Monique Foye Community Representative
1 st	X						
2 nd				X			
Aye	X		X	X		X	X
Nay							
Abstain							

Motion to approve the submission of NJ Dual Enrollment grant application in Homeroom: EWEG.

	Gregory Hambric President	Nicholl Rogers Community Representative	John Miller Community Representative	Tania Khalfani Community Representative	Jamal Walden Community Representative	Darlene Williams Community Representative	Monique Foye Community Representative
1 st			X				
2 nd							X
Aye	X		X	X		X	X
Nay							
Abstain							

Motion to approve the Project Agreement between BOGCS & Millennium Strategies not to exceed \$3,750 as presented.

	Gregory Hambric President	Nicholl Rogers Community Representative	John Miller Community Representative	Tania Khalfani Community Representative	Jamal Walden Community Representative	Darlene Williams Community Representative	Monique Foye Community Representative
1 st	X						
2 nd			X				
Aye	X		X	X		X	X
Nay							
Abstain							

Motion to approve the NJDOE Self-Assessment for determining grades under the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act as presented.

	Gregory Hambric President	Nicholl Rogers Community Representative	John Miller Community Representative	Tania Khalfani Community Representative	Jamal Walden Community Representative	Darlene Williams Community Representative	Monique Foye Community Representative
1 st	X						
2 nd						X	
Aye	X		X	X		X	X
Nay							
Abstain							

School Field Trip(s)/Events

Date	Location	Grade	Event	Comments
12/01/23	School grounds	9-12	Homecoming 2023 Dinner & Party 7-11pm	Social event for current and former students
12/01/23	Javits Center New York City	High School	ROC Nation - United Justice Coalition 7:45 am-6 pm 39 students+1 Chap	Convening leaders, advocates and experts, the 2023 Summit will focus on identifying viable solutions to challenges within our criminal legal system and provide opportunities for attendees to take action.
12/05/23	Fairleigh Dickinson	High School	College visit	10th Grade students
12/15/23	Kean University	Peers Leaders	UC Steps	Union County student training and enrichment program

Motion to approve the field trip/ event (s) listed above.

	Gregory Hambric President	Nicholl Rogers Community Representative	John Miller Community Representative	Tania Khalfani Community Representative	Jamal Walden Community Representative	Darlene Williams Community Representative	Monique Foye Community Representative
1 st							X
2 nd	X						
Aye	X		X	X		X	X
Nay							
Abstain							

Professional Development/Business Meeting/Tuition Reimbursement

Date	Staff	Workshop/Meeting/Class	Comments
11/02/23	Jennifer Lippe Solomon Charley	Anti-bullying specialist online program/Certificate	NJSAFE: HIB systems, protocol and capacity. Self-paced course for SY 2023-2024
10/24/23	Erin Richardson	NJSBA Workshop	Atlantic City
11/9-11/10	Cathy Ramirez David Achinstein	NJEA Convention	Atlantic City, NJ More than 300 professional development seminars, workshops, and programs designed to help teachers and educational support professionals hone their skills and stay current in their subject areas and chosen fields.

12/6	Justin Darcy	Decolonizing Arts Education	NJ Performing Arts Center: Educators will learn how to remove European and colonial practices from teaching and learning. Through reflection, writing and discussion, participants will work collaboratively on methods to decolonize arts education. Participants will leave with a resource guide to begin their actionable work within K-12, higher education and community-based learning spaces.
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Motion to approve the professional developments/ meetings listed above.

	Gregory Hambric President	Nicholl Rogers Community Representative	John Miller Community Representative	Tania Khalfani Community Representative	Jamal Walden Community Representative	Darlene Williams Community Representative	Monique Foye Community Representative
1 st			X				
2 nd	X						
Aye	X		X	X		X	X
Nay							
Abstain							

PERSONNEL

Motion to approve the hiring of the following with the rate as presented.

** Doris Rosario - Security Officer*

** Larino Pelaosa - Math Teacher*

	Gregory Hambric President	Nicholl Rogers Community Representative	John Miller Community Representative	Tania Khalfani Community Representative	Jamal Walden Community Representative	Darlene Williams Community Representative	Monique Foye Community Representative
1 st						X	
2 nd	X						
Aye	X		X	X		X	X
Nay							
Abstain							

Motion to approve the Maternity Leave for Employee# 196 effective 11/2/23.

	Gregory Hambric President	Nicholl Rogers Community Representative	John Miller Community Representative	Tania Khalfani Community Representative	Jamal Walden Community Representative	Darlene Williams Community Representative	Monique Foye Community Representative
1 st	X						
2 nd						X	
Aye	X		X	X		X	X

Nay							
Abstain							

Motion to approve the tuition reimbursement for A.Price.

	Gregory Hambric President	Nicholl Rogers Community Representative	John Miller Community Representative	Tania Khalfani Community Representative	Jamal Walden Community Representative	Darlene Williams Community Representative	Monique Foye Community Representative
1st	X						
2nd			X				
Aye	X		X	X		X	X
Nay							
Abstain							

Motion to suspend the tuition reimbursement policy effective 11/16/23 until further review.

	Gregory Hambric President	Nicholl Rogers Community Representative	John Miller Community Representative	Tania Khalfani Community Representative	Jamal Walden Community Representative	Darlene Williams Community Representative	Monique Foye Community Representative
1st						X	
2nd			X				
Aye	X		X	X		X	X
Nay							
Abstain							

BOARD DISCUSSION

- * Tuition Reimbursement
- * Facility Update

EXECUTIVE SESSION

TIME IN:

RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION

TIME OUT:

REMARKS FROM THE PUBLIC

Community Forum

The opportunity for public comment on Agenda items only will be provided at every meeting where action items are scheduled for Board of Trustee consideration. A speaker will indicate the specific agenda item, by resolution number, that will be addressed and will have a total time limit of 5 minutes, remaining specific to the indicated resolution.

Failure to remain on the specific agenda item, as determined by the presiding officer, will result in the speaker forfeiting the balance of time and the right to continue to address the Board of Education.

A community forum will be a maximum of thirty (30) minutes in length unless there are unusual circumstances.

Public Comment:

Start Time:

End Time:

ADJOURNMENT

Time: 8:09PM

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

	Gregory Hambric President	Nicholl Rogers Community Representative	John Miller Community Representative	Tania Khalfani Community Representative	Jamal Walden Community Representative	Darlene Williams Community Representative	Monique Foye Community Representative
1st	X						
2nd						X	
Aye	X		X	X		X	X
Nay							
Abstain							

Certified by:


Joan Grimaco

Board Secretary