

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

January 24, 2024
7:00 PM

MEETING MINUTES

Call to order by Board Secretary and Roll Call:

Time: 7:12 PM

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

Present Administrators

Erin Murphy-Richardson

Joan Orimaco

Jennifer Lippe

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 | John Miller Community Representative | Tania Khalfani Community Representative | Jamal Walden Community Representative | Darlene Williams Community Representative | Monique Foye Community Representative | Vacant Community Representative |
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| Abstain | | | | | | | |

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Motion to accept the meeting minutes from the 12/20/23 general meeting.

| | Gregory Hambric President | John Miller Community Representative | Tania Khalfani Community Representative | Jamal Walden Community Representative | Darlene Williams Community Representative | Monique Foye Community Representative | Vacant Community Representative |
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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 January 2024 in the amount of \$ 118,662.46 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.

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| Abstain | | | | | X | | |

Motion to approve the payroll for December 27, 2023 in the amount of \$ 183,530.94 and January 12, 2023 in the amount of \$ 150,934.48.

| | Gregory Hambric President | John Miller Community Representative | Tania Khalfani Community Representative | Jamal Walden Community Representative | Darlene Williams Community Representative | Monique Foye Community Representative | Vacant Community Representative |
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Motion to approve the Board Secretary's report for December 2023.

| | Gregory Hambric President | John Miller Community Representative | Tania Khalfani Community Representative | Jamal Walden Community Representative | Darlene Williams Community Representative | Monique Foye Community Representative | Vacant Community Representative |
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Motion to approve the Treasurer's report for December 2023.

| | Gregory Hambric President | John Miller Community Representative | Tania Khalfani Community Representative | Jamal Walden Community Representative | Darlene Williams Community Representative | Monique Foye Community Representative | Vacant Community Representative |
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Motion to approve the Bills List report for December 2023 in the amount of \$ 578,196.35.

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Motion to accept and approve the annual school audit for SY 2022-2023 ACFR and AMR by the auditing firm of Barre & Company LLC, CPA's.

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Motion to approve and submit the Corrective Action Plan for the audit to reflect 'no findings.'

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PRESENTATION BY HEAD OF SCHOOL/HS PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

| Report | January | December |
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| Harassment, Intimidation & Bullying Report | 0 | 1 |
| Suspension Report | 3 | 3 |
| Emergency Preparedness Drills | 2 | 2 |
| Student Enrollment | 316 | 314 |

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to approve the Playground Outdoor Space agreement between BOGCS and Cresthaven Charter School as presented.

| | Gregory Hambric President | John Miller Community Representative | Tania Khalfani Community Representative | Jamal Walden Community Representative | Darlene Williams Community Representative | Monique Foye Community Representative | Vacant Community Representative |
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Motion to approve the agreement between BOGCS and Focused Staffing Group as presented.

| | Gregory Hambric President | John Miller Community Representative | Tania Khalfani Community Representative | Jamal Walden Community Representative | Darlene Williams Community Representative | Monique Foye Community Representative | Vacant Community Representative |
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Motion to approve the Health & Safety Evaluation of School Building Checklist SOA SY 23-24 as presented.

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Motion to approve the engagement of Xeper Strategies in accordance with its proposal subject to attorney's review.

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School Field Trip(s)/Events

| Date | Location | Grade | Event | Comments |
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| 02/21/24 | Berkeley College Woodbridge, NJ Campus | 11+12 grades | Berkeley College workshop | Rescheduled from 1/18/24. Trip leader: Ms. Estevez |
| 02/08/24 | NJPAC Newark, NJ | All grades | Chinese Dance At NJPAC | Trip Leader: Justin Darcy |
| 03/12/24 | Union, NJ | Grades 10 and 11 | Kean University College Fair | Trip Leader: Mr. Charley |

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

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Professional Development/Business Meeting/Tuition Reimbursement

| Date | Staff | Workshop/Meeting/Class | Comments |
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| 4/25/24 | Erin Richardson Joan Orimaco | NJPCSA Gala | Hyatt Regency, New Brunswick |
| 5/29,30 & 31 | Mily Salgado | NJTESOL Conference | Hyatt Regency, New Brunswick |

Motion to approve the professional developments/ meetings listed above.

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PERSONNEL

Motion to approve the temporary leave of absence for Employee #93.

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Motion to hire the following employees for the positions and salaries as presented:

* Nikya Hassan as a Teacher's Aide for SY 2023-2024

*Taylor Carpinello as a High School ELA teacher for the SY 2024-2025

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Motion to approve Rose Ramirez to cover for ELA class with \$50/period rate not to exceed \$750.

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Motion to approve Loudia Martinez a stipend for \$500 as Testing Coordinator for SY 23-24.

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Motion to approve Recovery Academy & Test Prep sessions after regular school hours with rates as presented.

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BOARD DISCUSSION

- * Board of Trustee email update
- * Facilities update
- * Foundation Board update
- * Xeper Strategies proposal

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: 7:46PM

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

| | Gregory Hambric President | John Miller Community Representative | Tania Khalfani Community Representative | Jamal Walden Community Representative | Darlene Williams Community Representative | Monique Foye Community Representative | Vacant Community Representative |
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Certified by:


Joan Olimaco

Board Secretary