

Board of Trustees Meeting
September 30, 2021
5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Future Leaders Institute Charter School is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

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AGENDA

Note: For any topics marked with an asterisk, the allocated time is for questions, should they arise, from the information in the corresponding document in the Board packet.

ID	Subject	Action Required	Topic	Owner	Time
1	Announcements	N/A	a) Welcome and Announcements	a) Natalie	a) 2 minutes
2	Board Business	Board Votes	a) Approval of August Board Meeting Minutes?	a) Natalie	a) 2 minutes
3	Finance	N/A	Finance Committee Update a) Monthly Financial update: August	a) Rusty/ Collin (CSBM)	a) 10 minutes
4	Academics	N/A	EAC Update: a) Re-Introduction of new members of the FLI Leadership Team b) September highlights of restorative practices c) Instructional staff roster d) Diagnostic assessment overview (<i>results shared at October 2021 meeting</i>) e) Leveled Literacy Intervention (LLI) f) Charter School Renewal Update g) ARP application update	a) Jody/ Natalie Gonzalez/ Dan Nee b) Dan c/d/e/f) Jody g) Rusty/ Jody	a) 10 minutes b) 10 minutes c/d/e/f) 10 minutes g) 2 minutes
5	Safety		a) COVID-19 Updates	a) Rusty	a) 10 minutes
6	Enrollment	N/A	a) Enrollment/Recruitment Update	a) Thandi	a) 15 minutes
7	Executive Session	N/S	a) Executive Session	a)	a) TBD

¹ Anticipated length of time

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF FUTURE LEADERS INSTITUTE
CHARTER SCHOOL
SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

The Board meeting took place via Zoom in compliance with legislation S.50001/A.40001.

Board members present: Rudy Austin, Katherine Brown, Natalie Deak, Jon Drucker, Ross Harold, Roberta Kelly, Rachel Klein, Ryan Post, Julie Wilson, and John Harrison York.

Others present: Jody Flowers (FLI Leadership Team), Natalie Gonzalez-Valdes (FLI Leadership Team), Dan Nee (FLI Leadership Team), Rusty Slovenec (FLI Leadership Team), and Thandi Edwards (FLI Staff).

Board members absent: Jay Hatfield.

The meeting began at approximately 5:35 p.m. and was called to order by Natalie Deak.

1. Ms. Deak welcomed all attendees to the meeting.
2. Rusty Slovenec provided an update on behalf of the Finance Committee, which included an overview of the new monthly Financial Report that was developed in partnership with Charter School Business Management.
3. Members of the Leadership Team delivered the Academics update and answered questions from the Board on the following topics:
 - a. *New Leadership Team Members.* Natalie Gonzalez-Valdes (Director of Curriculum and Instruction) and Dan Nee (Director of School Culture), provided an overview of their experience, their new roles at FLI, and their priorities and areas of focus for the school year.
 - b. *Restorative Practices.* Mr. Nee provided an overview of Restorative Practices and discussed the history of the utilization of Restorative Practices at FLI, which began a number of years ago when FLI participated in the New York City Department of Education (DOE) District Charter Collaborative. Mr. Nee outlined FLI's partnership with Ramapo for Children, which is focused on augmenting the use of Restorative Practices at FLI. Mr. Nee also discussed the ways FLI's Code of Conduct, programming, and social-emotional learning curricula have been updated to integrate and embed Restorative Practices in accordance with the school's 2021-22 School Culture Vision.
 - c. *Diagnostic Assessments.* Ms. Flowers provided an overview of the school-wide administration of the diagnostic assessments for Math and

ELA. Results will be reviewed and discussed at the October 2021 Board Meeting.

- d. *Leveled Literacy Intervention*. Ms. Flowers outlined the strategy for the school-wide deployment of Fountas & Pinnell's Leveled Literacy Intervention System in the 2021-22 school year. A discussion followed.
 - e. *Application for Charter Renewal*. FLI's current charter expires in June 2022. Ms. Flowers discussed the timeline for key upcoming events in the charter renewal application process. A discussion followed.
- 4. Mr. Slovenec provided an update on the health and safety measures that are in place to reduce the risk of COVID-19, which include additional air filtration systems, a restructured schedule for breakfast and lunch to facilitate additional physical distancing, and routine testing. Mr. Slovenec answered questions from the Board regarding daily health screenings, temperature checks, contact tracing and quarantine protocols, as well as the DOE's recent employee vaccine mandate.
 - 5. Ms. Edwards reviewed the Enrollment & Recruiting Dashboard provided in the Board packet, gave an update on the school's recruiting, and enrollment efforts and answered questions from the Board. A discussion followed regarding the challenges that persist at FLI and sector-wide with regards to student recruiting.
 - 6. On motion duly made, the Board moved to Executive Session at approximately 7:20 p.m.

Personnel matters were discussed. Executive Session adjourned at approximately 7:45 p.m.

The Board meeting adjourned at approximately 7:45 p.m.

The next Board meeting is expected to take place via Zoom at 5:30 p.m. on October 28, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine M. Brown
Secretary