

Board of Trustees Meeting

April 18, 2024

5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Zoom details:

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

Topic: FLI_Board of Trustees Monthly Meeting

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April's meeting will also be held in person at FLI at 134 West 122nd Street NY, NY 10027

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) Jennifer/Rudy	a) 2 minutes
2	Board Business	Board Votes	a) Approval of March Board Meeting Minutes	a) Jennifer	a) 2 minutes
3	Enrollment	N/A	a) Attendance update b) Enrollment Update c) Recruitment Update – Social Media postings	a) Jody b) Jody/Rusty c) Rusty	a/b) 10 minutes b) 5 minutes
4	Academics	N/A	a) FLI's current academic structure b) FLI's Extended day overview	a/b) Natalie/Jody	a) 5 minutes b) 5 minutes
5	Events	N/A	a) Upcoming School Events b) FLI Newsletter – April 2024	a/b) Jody	a/b) 5 minutes
6	Finance	N/A	a) Finance Report- March 2024 close	a) Rusty	a) 10 minutes
7	Executive Session	N/A	a) Executive Session	a) Exec Committee	a) TBD

*Please note that the order of events noted on the agenda may change.

¹ Anticipated length of time

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF FUTURE LEADERS INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL

APRIL 18, 2024 (*Approved by BOT on 5.28.24*)

The Board is transitioning toward in-person board meetings.

Board members present in person: Rob Fratto, Rachel Klein, Jennifer Peña- Detata, Jennifer Estrella, Rudy Austin, Fernando Garcia, Heather Northrop

Board members present by video conference: Jon Drucker, Jay Hatfield, Natalie Deak Jaros

Others present: Jody Flowers (Principal) and Natalie Gonzalez-Valdes (Assistant Principal), Rusty Slovenic (Asst. Principal)

Board members absent: none

The meeting began at approximately 5:38 p.m. and was called to order by Rudy Austin.

1. *Welcome.* Rudy Austin and Jennifer Estrella welcomed all attendees to the April Meeting.
2. *Minutes.* Upon motion duly made, the Board unanimously voted to approve the minutes from the February 2024 Board meeting (as the March 2024 meeting did not reach quorum).
3. *Attendance & Enrollment Update.* Ms. Flowers gave an overview of attendance and absence. The school continues to implement an incentives and rewards system for students and families to encourage attendance. To promote timely arrivals, the school emails families when students are late and then there is follow up when needed.
Enrollment: The data for next year reflects that enrollment numbers are 100 less than last year. Intent to return forms from current students are still ongoing with ~70% having returned. Kindergarten numbers are low, but are expected to increase (as has been the case historically). Most enrollment takes place over the course of the summer, so numbers should increase. Enrollment is higher in middle grades, and increases over the course of the year as midyear enrollments come. Current enrollment is 292 (290 when factoring in attendance).

The board reviewed recruitment materials and discussed social media materials and resources. The school is considering broadening social media presence and attempting reaching out to new and different communities, including Spanish-speaking communities.

4. *Academics Update.* Ms Gonzalez and Ms Flowers discussed the current school year structure. There are 12 classes this year, and will be 12 next year. Decisions regarding class sizes may shift pending enrollment. This includes factoring in the amount of students with IEPs and their recommended placement (Ex: ICT, SETSS).
Leadership then gave an overview of Extended day. There may be shifts between the Spring and the Fall as teachers pick up additional extended day coverage options. This year there has been an addition of Girls on the Run, with their first 5K coming up on June 2nd.
5. *Events* - Ms. Gonzalez shared that state testing has begun. This year there is both paper and computer-based. Next year will be all electronic. In this, FLI is ahead of the rest of the city. Regents exams are scheduled in June.
6. *Finance Update.* Mr. Slovenic presented the finance report. The school should end the year with no loss. The school is moving toward consolidating investments to capitalize upon higher interest rates. The new budget will be shared in May for approval in June.

The Board meeting adjourned at approximately 6:36 p.m.

The next Board meeting is expected to take place at 5:30 p.m. on May 29, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

Ross Harold

Secretary