



# MINUTES

## The Family Place Public Charter School

**Date | time** October 18, 2022 | 6:00pm - 7:00pm | **Location** Virtual Meeting, Zoom

### In Attendance

BOARD MEMBERS		
NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT
Mavis I. Ardon	X	
Ann B. Barnet	X	
Michael D. Barnet	X	
Shawn Chakrabarti	X	
Dania Diaz Amaya		X
Barbara Finkelstein	X	
Sarah Friedman	X	
Marcia Harrington	X	
Natalia Isaza Brando	X	
Oralia Puente		X
Elaine Weiss	X	

**Others Present:** Haley Wiggins, Alyson Cronquist, Larry Garr, Laurel Kircher, Tolulope Oleru, Fernando Saldana, Yinzu Nairouz, Yu Yang, Raj Thomas, Eileen Suffian

### Approval of Minutes

The minutes from last meeting, August 16, 2022, were reviewed and unanimously approved by Ann, Marcia, Michael, Mavis, Barbara, Shawn, Elaine, and Sarah at 6:13pm.

### Motions

Everyone voted on the motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:12pm.

### Description of Matters Discussed

1. *Board Business, Haley*
  - a. We are planning on adding Maria Mejia as a new student member.
  - b. We need another board member who lives in DC. We should create a profile to recruit a new board member.
2. *Finance update, Yu and Raj*
  - a. Larry, Ann and Michael thanked Yu for his great work for us and welcomed Raj.
  - b. Jane and Raj are taking over Yu's position at EdOps and will be working with us going forward.
  - c. Forecasting \$566,000 income

- d. Favorable expenses
- e. Raj mentioned how good our finances are even compared to other schools in DC. Eileen said that because the organization struggled with money for so long, we have been very frugal with money that we do have.
- f. Marcia asked if we should worry about the recession and Raj expressed that we are in good shape and don't have much need to worry at this time.

3. *New Space Update, Larry, Michael, and Haley*
  - a. We are looking at all the houses on our block to see if any happen to be available. The next-door neighbor to TFP is in very good shape and in addition to that, there could be some other options.
  - b. Haley updated everyone that we terminated the agreement with the real estate broker and waited the 30 days for the contract to end before beginning to look at more places.
  - c. Haley mentioned that the OSSE interest rate is still 1%, but it could change so we should keep that in mind. We would need to reapply for the loan once we have another purchase agreement.
  - d. Ann asked if the childcare center is still in the plans.
  - e. Shawn asked if we would be able to be in a residential zone, and Haley explained that yes, because we are a charter school, we have that right.
  - f. Sarah asked if TFP will still be able to pay rent on our current building since TFPPCS currently rents the space from TFP. Larry responded that both organizations are doing well financially and TFPPCS would still be renting out some space for offices, etc.
  - g. Haley told everyone that Share Fund offered to pay \$44,000+ for architects to help us with the new building.
4. *Executive Director's Report, Haley*
  - a. Tanja and Tsegaye are two new employees who have been hired as class assistants.
  - b. Dr. Bussey commemoration ceremony
    - i. The plan is to dedicate a classroom to him, create a book with memories and photos of him, maybe display some of his artwork, and have an award in his honor for staff and students.
5. *Registration Update, Fernando*
  - a. We did registration through the end of September. We currently have 205 students enrolled.
  - b. The fire marshal visited last week. Everything she brought up has been taken care of and she will be coming back soon.
  - c. COVID
    - i. We have rapid antigen tests from OSSE, around 960 and we should have enough through the end of the year.
6. *Academic Update, Laurel*
  - a. Laurel acknowledged how hard Lidia and Fernando worked to make registration successful
  - b. Almost half of our students are now evening students
  - c. Photos of Hispanic Heritage Month field trip, traditional clothing, potluck etc. and samples of student work/classroom activities
  - d. Laurel and some of the teachers will be presenting at upcoming TESOL conferences

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## Next Meeting

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Motion to adjourn was made at 7:12pm and was passed unanimously.



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### Memo

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The December board meeting was canceled. The next one will be in February.