

Mission

Through rigorous academics, high-quality instruction and leadership development, Persistence Preparatory Academy Charter School ensures that all K through 8 scholars are firmly on the path to succeed within a four-year college and create positive change within their communities.

Subject to applicable law and to any adopted regulations limiting the total amount of time allocated for public testimony on particular issues and for each individual speaker, members of the public shall have an opportunity at the meeting to directly address the Board of Trustees of Persistence Prep concerning any item in this notice during the public comment period. Members of the public and all other interested parties are cordially invited to attend the meeting in person at the above-described location. Individuals wishing to speak at a Board meeting must sign up at the meeting, using the signup sheet provided by Persistence Prep. There will be no sign ups in advance of the meeting. Speakers must sign up prior to the item being acted upon by the Board.

Meeting Called By:	ET @ 8:40am	Goals of the Meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review & approve September 2023 financials Review academic data: 22-23 State Assessments & BOY benchmarks Review annual audit presentation and findings Discuss upcoming school needs: facilities, development, etc.
Board Member Attendees:	Elisha Tomasello	
	Darnell Haywood	
	Jen Zorn	
	Rebecca Izzo	
	Adrianna Viverette	
	Kevin Celniker	
	Nicole Wodka-Cook	
	Zach Melas	
	Bobbie Finocchio	
	Aaron Bennett	
	Derrick Parson	
Board Members Absent:	Brandi Haynes, Chris Ciechoski	
Members of Public Present:	Savannah Figuerora, BURA Staff Attorney, Potential Trustee Peter DeSabio & Robert Torella, Lumsden McCormick Angel Beiter, Kirisits & Associates	

AGENDA ITEM	LEAD	NOTES	ACTION
I. Welcome			
A. Call the Meeting to Order	Chair	Elisha Tomasello @ 8:40am	
II. Public Comment	Chair	Savannah Figueroa-introduced self, professional work and interest in joining PPA board	
III. Consent Agenda	Chair		
A. Approval of: September Meeting Minutes, Committee Meeting Minutes		No edits to minutes	VOTE 1 st : NC 2 nd : DH FOR: ET, DH, JZ, RI, AV, KC, NC, ZM, BF, AB, DP AGAINST: N/A ABSTAIN: N/A

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IV. Review of September 2023 Financials	Treasurer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> September 2023 Financials September 2023 narrative No major variances of note Current ratio consistent with time of year historically 		VOTE 1 st : RI 2 nd : JZ FOR: ET, DH, JZ, RI, AV, KC, NC, ZM, BF, AB, DP AGAINST: N/A ABSTAIN: N/A
V. Annual Audit Review & Approval	Lumsden McCormick Team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Audit Presentation by Lumsden McCormick Received an unmodified opinion 	8:50am	VOTE 1 st : KC 2 nd : AV FOR: ET, DH, JZ, RI, AV, KC, NC, ZM, BF, AB, DP AGAINST: N/A ABSTAIN: N/A
VI. Head of School Report/ Dashboard	Head of School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monthly Data Dashboard October Management Report Facility & Development Updates – roof holdover plan; full replacement in Summer 2024 	9:20am	
VII. Academic Data: October Interim Dashboard	Head of School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spring 2023 State Test Scores/ Growth Dashboard October 2023 Interim Dashboard Enrollment is still 3 students under budget; working to close gap Still working with district and attorneys to get related services in place 17% improvement in ELA proficiency; 11% improvement in Math Significant growth on interims 	9:40am	
VIII. Approve Officer Slate 23-24	Head of School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposed Slate of Officers approved Chair: Elisha Tomasello Vice Chair: Brandi Haynes Treasurer: Kevin Celniker Secretary: Darnell Haywood 	9:55am	VOTE 1 st : JZ 2 nd : KC FOR: ET, DH, JZ, RI, AV, KC, NC, ZM, BF, AB, DP AGAINST: N/A ABSTAIN: N/A
IX. Closing Items			10:00am	
A. Next Steps	Chair Head of School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Board Annual retreat to be scheduled for January 2024 		
B. Adjourn Meeting				VOTE 1 st : JZ 2 nd : KC FOR: ET, DH, JZ, RI,

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X. Executive Session		Executive session called at 9:58am to discuss leadership compensation and evaluation; Executive session adjourned at 10:30am		VOTE 1 st : ET 2 nd : KC FOR: ET, DH, JZ, RI, AV, KC, NC, ZM, BF, AB, DP AGAINST: N/A ABSTAIN: N/A