

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:	Elisha Tomasello @ 12:34pm	Goals of the Meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review & approve September 2024 financials Review Annual Audit findings Review enrollment, staffing, and start of school updates Discuss facility needs and necessary next steps Plan for Development/ Fundraising opportunities
Board Member Attendees:	Elisha Tomasello	
	Jen Zorn	
	Zach Melas	
	Zack Kibler	
	Nicole Wodka-Cook	
	Darnell Haywood	
	Brandi Haynes	
	Bobbie Finocchio	
	Kevin Celniker	
Board Members Absent:	Aaron Bennett	
	Chris Ciechoski	
	Adrianna Viverette	
Members of Public Present:	Rob Torella, Lumsden McCormick	

AGENDA ITEM	LEAD	NOTES	TIME	ACTION
I. Welcome			12:30pm	
A. Call the Meeting to Order	Chair	ET @ 12:34pm	12:30pm	
II. Public Comment	Chair		12:30pm	
III. Consent Agenda	Chair		12:35pm	
A. Approval of: Committee Meeting Minutes				VOTE 1 st : BH 2 nd : NC FOR: ET, JZ, ZM, ZK, NC, DH, BH, BF, KC AGAINST: N/A ABSTAIN: N/A
IV. Committee Updates	Committee Chairs Head of School	No major committee updates at this time	12:40pm	

Persistence Prep Board Meeting Agenda

October 25, 2024
12:30-2:00pm
378 Urban Street
Buffalo, NY 14211

V. Review of September 2024 Financials	Treasurer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> September 2024 Financials September Narrative Staff development-timing variance will continue but level out Salaries will be off due to Leadership bonuses awarded in Fall 2024 Strong current ratio 	12:50pm	VOTE 1 st : BH 2 nd : DH FOR: ET, JZ, ZM, ZK, NC, DH, BH, BF, KC AGAINST: N/A ABSTAIN: N/A
VI. Review Annual Audit	Lumsden McCormick Team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 23-24 Annual Audit presented by Rob Torella of Lumsden Clean audit opinion No material weaknesses ESSER single audit forthcoming 	1:00pm	VOTE 1 st : KC 2 nd : JZ FOR: ET, JZ, ZM, ZK, NC, DH, BH, BF, KC AGAINST: N/A ABSTAIN: N/A
VII. Head of School Report/ Dashboard	Head of School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monthly Data Dashboard-enrollment back up above budget Management Report Development Ideas - plan for meat raffle in the works Purchase of land approved by City of Buffalo 	1:30pm	
VIII. Board Goals: Progress Check	Board Chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2024 BOT Goals Tracker Major focus- trustee recruitment Participating in Bellweather matching program 		
IX. Closing Items		Meeting adjourned at 1:30pm		VOTE 1 st : BH 2 nd : KC FOR: ET, JZ, ZM, ZK, NC, DH, BH, BF, KC AGAINST: N/A ABSTAIN: N/A
A. Next Steps	Chair Head of School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bell Weather Board Matching NYSCA Board Convening- 11/20 		
B. Adjourn Meeting				
XI. Executive Session		Executive session not needed		