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# Boston Renaissance Charter Public School

## Minutes

### Board of Trustees Meeting

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#### Date and Time

Monday August 10, 2020 at 8:00 AM

#### Location

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87660099630?pwd=L3g2R0FCVEhWWEZFS1RKTTR5Y0FuQT09>

Meeting ID: 876 6009 9630

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#### MISSION

The mission of the Boston Renaissance Charter Public School is to nurture and develop academic, social and emotional competence while building confidence, character and citizenship among its students.

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#### Trustees Present

A. Buckmire (remote), B. Keith (remote), C. Engerman (remote), E. Alphonse (remote), F. Lowery (remote), K. Williamson (remote), L. Colon (remote), M. Gardner (remote), R. Clarke Jr. (remote), S. Dibinga (remote)

#### Trustees Absent

None

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#### I. Opening Items

##### A. Record Attendance and Guests

##### B. Call the Meeting to Order

L. Colon called a meeting of the board of trustees of Boston Renaissance Charter Public School to order on Monday Aug 10, 2020 @ 8:19 AM.

#### II. School Reopening Plans

#### **A. Discussion and vote on school reopening plans**

Ms. Buckmire presented reopening PowerPoint to board. Gave history of DESE requests for schools to prepare 3 models of re-opening 1. fully in person, 2. hybrid, 3. fully remote. Preliminary plans due July 24, final plans due August 10 (extended to August 14).

In May, School created 5 subcommittees to work through safe re-opening plans. Through their work over the summer, added 6 additional subcommittees. Expectation is that these committees will continue to meet throughout the year.

Put together a feasibility study in June to accommodate DESE requirements. Cannot fit all students and staff in building while maintaining 6 foot distance. In-person learning model is one that school feels it cannot do safely.

Surveyed family and staff. Vast majority of families and staff said they were concerned about returning to the building. 50% of families have opted in to a fully remote learning environment. For hybrid model, school working to prevent teachers from having to teach both remote learners and in-person learners. Involves staffing re-jiggering.

Remote learning model is based off of what school did in the spring and what the school learned in the spring. Building off of that and from what school learned from the spring. Ms. Buckmire shared the survey results from staff of what challenges were posed by spring remote teaching. Overwhelmingly, issues with connectivity/technology, so fall remote model will need to address this.

Remote modeling will have daily live instruction. Gave summary of synchronis/asynchronis. Examples of how to prioritize high-need students.

After collecting information from families and staff and the work of the subcommittees, school is leaning toward opening in a fully remote learning environment on September 14th, working toward operating in a hybrid model week of October 4th, but school will not open in person until it is safe and measures have been put into place to keep it safe. Important to recognize that school will move in and out of models, knowing that virus' impact will fluctuate, and no plan is a final plan.

L. Colon made a motion to approve the school's proposed re-opening plan to begin the school year remotely and phase into a hybrid model.

E. Alphonse seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

##### **Roll Call**

E. Alphonse Aye  
K. Williamson Aye  
L. Colon Aye  
R. Clarke Jr. Aye  
B. Keith Aye  
A. Buckmire Abstain  
F. Lowery Aye  
S. Dibinga Aye  
C. Engerman Absent  
M. Gardner Abstain

### **III. Student Opportunity Act**

#### **A. Discussion and vote on Student Opportunity Plan**

Student Opportunity Act money may not be available now because of the virus. Charter School district plans were meant to be submitted to the commissioner over the summer, which has been extended to mid-August.

School looked at achievement gap and specifically students with disabilities. Put together a plan to narrow the gap between students with disabilities and students without disabilities. Students receive core content instruction in their home rooms, and receive additional/specific support during the flex blocks in pull-out settings. Unsure if there is money left for this program, but in case there is still funding to come, school will submit this School Opportunity Act plan.

L. Colon made a motion to approve the School's School Opportunity Act plan to be submitted to the commissioner.

S. Dibinga seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

R. Clarke Jr. Aye  
M. Gardner Abstain  
B. Keith Aye  
K. Williamson Aye  
F. Lowery Aye  
E. Alphonse Aye  
A. Buckmire Abstain  
S. Dibinga Aye  
L. Colon Aye  
C. Engerman Absent

#### **IV. Closing Items**

##### **A. Adjourn Meeting**

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 9:03 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
L. Colon

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#### **Documents used during the meeting**

- BOT - BRCPS Reopening Plan.pdf
- BRCPS Student Opportunity Act Plan\_Final.docx
- DESE Charter School SOA Plan Template May 2020.docx