

**UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON SYSTEM  
CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD AGENDA**

**ITEM:** AGENDA ITEM 4

Minutes from Meeting of January 21, 2020

**SUMMARY:**

Draft minutes of the UHCS Board meeting from January 21, 2020 are submitted for review and approval.

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION:**


Draft minutes

**CONSIDERED BY THE BOARD ON:** 04/14/2020

**APPROVED AS PRESENTED:** X

**APPROVED AS MODIFIED:** \_\_\_\_\_

**NOT APPROVED:** \_\_\_\_\_

  
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*UHCS Board Secretary*

## MINUTES

University of Houston Charter School Board

**Date:** January 21, 2020

**Time:** 9:30 a.m.

**Place:** UH Charter School  
Board of Regents Conference Room, 128 E. Cullen Building  
University of Houston  
Houston, Texas 77204

**Present:** Robert H. McPherson, Ph.D., Chair  
Margaret Hale, Ed.D., College of Education Faculty Representative  
Leslie Jamail, Teacher Representative  
Rebecca Sanford, Ph.D., Community Representative  
Patricia Paquin, Acting Principal and Superintendent, UH Charter School (non-voting ex-officio)

**Absent:** Alex Hernandez, Parent Representative

**Quorum:** Four of five Board members/representatives present (majority required).

### **New Business:**

1. Call to Order: 9:35 a.m. by Chair McPherson.
2. Roll Call and acknowledgment of presence of Board members Hale, Jamail, Sanford and Paquin (non-voting ex-officio).
3. Students from the UH Charter School visited and shared appreciation of the UHCS Board and its mission.
4. Chair McPherson noted that no individuals signed up to speak and accordingly no Open Forum was necessary.
5. Chair McPherson presented the Board Minutes from the October 8, 2019 Board Meeting. No changes were made and the October 8, 2019 minutes were approved as submitted.
6. UH Charter School FYE19 Annual Financial Report (with Independent Auditors' Report Thereon) presented by Robert Belt of Belt Harris Pechacek, LLLP (Auditors). Motion: Representative

Margaret Hale moved to approve the FYE19 Annual Financial Report, seconded by Representative Leslie Jamail. The Motion passed unanimously.

7. Patricia Paquin presented the UH Charter School Quarterly Budget. No vote is required on the Quarterly Budget.
8. The 2019-2020 Annual Operating Budget was previously approved at the April Board meeting, with amendments subsequently approved. At this meeting, Patricia Paquin presented proposed additional amendments to the 2019-2020 Annual Operating Budget for the UH Charter School relating to increased budgets for two cost centers after a recent increase in awards for Titles I and II. Motion: Representative Rebecca Sanford moved to approve the amendments to the 2019-2020 Annual Operating Budget, seconded by Representative Leslie Jamail. The Motion passed unanimously.
9. The Board previously requested a presentation of the budget amendments itemized by budget node rather than as line items. Patricia Paquin presented the detailed information on budget amendments from the October meeting. This information was requested by the Board and no vote is required.
10. Patricia Paquin presented the Principal's Report on the UH Charter School, including many activities, i.e. Book Character Day, Fall Festival (after school), Voyagers' performance at the COE Winter Holiday Celebration, World Bazaar (this year included France, Italy, Greece, Germany, Jamaica and Poland), Mars Rover Assembly, UH Women's Basketball Day, and annual Spelling Bee. No vote is required on the Principal's Report.
11. The 2019 Texas Legislature passed a comprehensive education bill. HB3 provided for increased salaries for teachers and mandates for salary structures. Patricia Paquin presented information on proposed salary options for the UH Charter School. After discussion of the various options presented, the Board requested Patricia Paquin work with Human Resources to prepare information on the proposals for the next Board meeting in April.
12. Patricia Paquin presented the Special Education Shared Services Arrangement for the Houston Charter Schools Special Education Co-op for review and approval. Motion: Representative Margaret Hale moved to approve the Special Education Shared Services Arrangement for the Houston Charter Schools Special Education Co-op, seconded by Representative Rebecca Sanford. The Motion passed unanimously.
13. Patricia Paquin presented the Board with an overview of legislative reforms addressing school safety and updated the Board on steps the UH Charter School is taking to comply with the legislation.
14. Patricia Paquin presented the Board with an overview of legislative changes to the Charter School Performance Framework and updated the Board on the implications such changes may have on the UH Charter School.

15. Patricia Paquin presented and the Board discussed the 2018-19 Texas Academic Performance Report. The UH Charter School 2019 Accountability Rating overall is “D” and the 2019 Special Education Determination Status is “meets requirements.” No vote is required on the 2018-19 Texas Academic Performance Report.

16. Patricia Paquin presented information relating to the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Starting with the 2019-20 academic year, TEA is identifying districts that have equity gaps in access to effective teaching by using the “meets or exceeds growth target” percentages for same student groups identified in the Texas Equity Toolkit. The UH Charter School has a student growth equity gap greater than 10% in two of the last three years and will be required to submit an equity plan in the Spring 2020.

**Brief Break at 11:16 a.m.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

17. Call to Order for Executive Session: 11:17 a.m. by Chair McPherson.

18. Consultation with System Attorney Regarding Legal Matters and/or Contemplated Litigation or Settlement Offers – Texas Government Code Section 551.071.

19. Adjournment of Executive Session: 11:42 a.m. by Chair McPherson.

**Return to Open Session at 11:43 a.m.**

20. Chair McPherson announced that the members met in Executive Session and no formal action was required or taken.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business, Chair McPherson announced the next meeting will be Tuesday, April 14, 2020, and declared this meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 11:43 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:



Margaret A. Hale, Ed.D.  
Secretary

Adopted by the Board in the meeting of  
04/14/2020 (Date of Meeting)



Presiding Officer

Others present:

Lauri Schneidau Ruiz

Robert Belt

Paul Roch