



Regular Meeting of the  
Odyssey School of Denver Board of Directors  
Wednesday, November 20, 2019  
Odyssey School of Denver PD Room

AMENDED AGENDA | MINUTES

**ACTION ITEMS**

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes from the October 2019 Meeting of the Board of Directors
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Vote on Strategic Solution

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

If you would like to make a public comment, please sign up in advance with board secretary, Corey Goodrich, by emailing her at: cegoodrich11@gmail.com. Public comments are limited to 3 minutes per person. Please sign up by 4:00pm on Tuesday November 19 to allow for planning to accommodate all of those that may want to speak.

**Our Mission:** Odyssey School of Denver is a diverse, public, K-8 Expeditionary Learning school. We teach students how to learn through a focus on academic achievement, critical thinking and social responsibility, preparing them for high school and beyond.

**Our Vision:** Odyssey School of Denver students will:

- Take risks and innovate;
- Lead with integrity and compassion;
- Be civically and socially engaged;
- Push themselves to exceed expectations;

and

- Embrace learning as a life-long adventure.

**Board Responsibilities:** We ensure Odyssey's compliance to its contract with the Denver Public Schools, set and monitor the implementation of school policies, manage the school's annual budget and financial planning, and hire and evaluate the performance of our school's Executive Director.

1. Call to Order

4:00 PM

2. Roll Call

Meredith Wenskoski, Marshelle Fox, Illana Poley,  
Marnie Cooke, Jonathan Helfgott, Corey Goodrich,  
Ben Hoffman, Christina Carlson, Laurel Lenz, Jason  
Fritz, Liz FASTERLING, Yumi Perkins, Travis Haley, Keith  
Hay, Justin Silverstein



3. Motion to Approve and/or Amend Agenda
  - Add minutes from September for approval as wellCorey makes motion; Justin seconds. Motion passes
  
4. Public Comment
  - Lisa Damm
  - Sam Levine
  - Billy Burch
  - Boaz Meir
  - Karen Adkins
  - Andreas Damm
  - Julie Neitz-Wielga
  - Jennifer McGinn
  - Jim Costello
  - Deirdre Bell
  - Dana Grueser
  - Heather Haney
  - Letitia Raymond
  - Tony Mettler
  
5. Approval of Meeting Minutes from both the September 2019 & October 2019 Meeting of the Board of Directors  
Ben motions; Marshelle seconds. Motion passes.
  
6. Finance Committee Update
  - Financial Highlights / Changes since last month
  - Discussion of increased expense on Special Education Contractor for the remainder of this year and implications for next year's budget
  - Ideas for saving money to offset this increase in expenditureNo actions taken
  
7. Governance Refresher
  
8. Strategy Discussion and ED Recommendation
  - Executive director recommends Solution #4 and presents rationaleJason makes a motion to pass Marnie's



- Clarifying questions from the board & discussion recommendation; Jonathan seconds.
- Among the topics of concentration:
  - Enrollment numbers for middle school Discussion of Motion
  - Equity, diversity in enrollment & how this could be improved
  - Teacher turnaround Fist to Five Votes:
    - Fist/Block: 5
    - One: 0
    - Two: 2
    - Three: 2
    - Four: 4
    - Five: 0
  - Potential pitfalls - unplanned holes/enrollment losses - and the available funds to get through pitfalls
  - Extensive discussion on remaining core issues / concerns by all board members

Motion Blocked

Jonathan makes a motion Solution #2; Keith seconds.

Discussion of Motion

Fist to Five Votes:  
Fist/Block: 9  
One: 0  
Two: 4  
Three: 1  
Four: 0  
Five: 0

Motion Blocked

9. Adjournment  
Schedule next meeting for Nov. 2 at 5:00

6:00 PM

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*Justin Silverstein*

Justin Silverstein, Chair of the Board

5/20/20

Date