

## Annual Retreat Odyssey School of Denver Board of Directors Monday, July 25, 2022 9:00 am to 4:00 pm In person and remote Access

**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 9:05 am
- 2. Public comment none
- 3. Roll Call/Acknowledgments of Conflicts of Interest
  - a. Present: Amanda Brown, Christina Carlson, Travis Haley, Jonathan Helgott, Brian Johnson, Laurel Lenz, Kathryn Martinez, Keri Melmed, Josh Schnieder, Yumi Perkins.
  - b. No conflicts of interest stated.
- 4. Board Business
  - a. Brian moves to approve May 2022 minutes, Laurel seconds, passes.
  - b. Refresher on board appointment and communication policies and the fist-to-five voting scheme (from bylaws).
  - c. Introduction to new parent-elected board representative, Juana Rosa Cavero.
  - d. Introduction to new staff-elected board representative, Dawn Loge.
  - e. Introduction to candidates for community directors:
    Nadja Cockrell, John Brewer, Alisha Smith, Laurel Lenz.
  - f. Election of new board representatives. Christina moves, Yumi seconds. All approved.

- g. Nomination of new board officers: Incoming chair Keri Melmed; Treasurer Travis Haley; Secretary Laurel Lenz.
- h. Christina moves to approve. Josh seconds. All approved.
- Discussion of committee structures and plan for board meetings in 2022-3. Intend to hold board meetings in person. Board subcommittees to include Executive, Finance, Accountability, and Development. Meeting schedules and agendas are posted. All board and committee meetings are open to the public.
- j. Celebration and gratitude for outgoing board members Yumi Perkins, Jonathan Helfgott, and Merideth Wenskoski.
- 5. Review Odyssey's mission, vision, and commitment to EL.
- 6. Lunch
- 7. Board Training, provided by the League of Charter Schools.
  - a. Introductions and overview of board role and responsibilities
  - b. Possible conflicts of interest
  - c. Bylaws and training of board members
  - d. Board meetings and business procedures
  - e. Executive sessions and open records law (CORA)
  - f. Evaluation of Executive Director
  - g. Compliance with DPS contract
  - h. Grievance policies
  - i. Legal and Finance
  - j. Evaluation of board performance
  - k. Strategic planning and resources
- 8. Adjournment Amanda moves, Ali seconds, passes 3:57 pm.

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Board Chair, Amanda Brown

Date