



MINUTES
Special Board of Trustees Meeting
October 4, 2021

The meeting was held via Google Meets.

PRESENT

Lourdes Putz, Chair
Samuel Rivera, Trustee
John Witherspoon, Trustee
Manuel Morales, Trustee
Kathleen Gaffney, Trustee

GUESTS

Ellen Eagen, School Attorney
Valerie Jacobson, Head of Operations
Jahi Bashir, Head of School
Katie Manion, Staff

1. WELCOME

Lourdes Rivera-Putz called the meeting to order at 4:17pm.

2. PURCHASE OF BUILDING

Manny Morales introduced the purchase of property located at 188 Varet Street, Brooklyn, NY 11206 for use in creating a school gymnasium. Mr. Morales discussed the benefits of owning the property versus renting. Potential benefits include more control over the design, cost savings, and utilizing additional space on the property if needed. Mr. Morales stated that he would like to make a resolution to make an offer on the building for purchases and would like to vote on financing through bonds. Discussion occurred about the school's offer, total costs and cost savings, comparables, zoning, working with the Board of Standards and Appeals, and the process the school will take moving forward.

- Mr. Witherspoon made a motion to draft a letter of intent for the purpose of purchasing the building at 188 Varet Street for the amount of \$4.2 million. Mr. Rivera seconded. All were in favor.
- Mr. Witherspoon made a motion to approve the reimbursement for any building expenses henceforth should WCHS opt to use bond financing. Ms. Gaffney seconded. All were in favor.

3. ADJOURNMENT

- Ms. Gaffney made a motion to close the meeting. Mr. Morales seconded the motion. All were in favor.