

# The Renaissance

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April 11, 2018

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Meeting of the Board of Trustees

1. Meeting convened at 6:33 p.m.
2. Roll Call:
  - a. Board members present: Everett Boyd, Elizabeth Perez, Conor McCoy
  - b. Others present: Daniel Fanelli, Elise Castillo
3. Review and Approve Minutes of February 7, 2018 Meeting (Minutes read by Liz Perez) - Minutes approved as read by acclamation.
4. Updates on progress toward opening of TRCS2 - Dan Fanelli
  - a. The original Skillman site. Civic was trying to negotiate the schedule for the rent. They did not come to an agreement. This was partially because Long Island City (LIC) is an escalating real estate market, and the price/sf was estimated to be less than the owners of the property wanted.
  - b. Northern Boulevard site. Everett, Dan and Stacey visited. RXR is the owner. Communication between broker, owner, and Civic is misaligned. We wanted a 30-year lease. RXR does not do 30-year leases; wanted to do 5 or 10 years, which doesn't work for us.
  - c. Call with Civic Builders, Wednesday, April 11, 2018 -  
New Properties:
    - 2720 Skillman Avenue, LIC ~ Approx. 30,00 SF with another 16,000 available (to be confirmed tomorrow)
    - 2976 Northern Blvd., LIC ~ Approx. 42,000 SF
    - 3934 43 Street, LIC ~ Approx. 50,000 SF
    - 4802 48<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Woodside ~Approx. 40,000 SF
    - 4933 31st Place, LIC Approx. 50,000 SF
    - 3301 Hunters Point Avenue, LIC ~ Approx. 40,000 – 80,000 SF
    - 48-49 35<sup>th</sup> Street, LIC ~ SF open (tour scheduled for next week)
    - 37-18 Northern Blvd ~Test fit for space - To be discussed (all agree it works)  
Delays in getting a response from RXR  
Expect update by end of week.

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- **Market search for other areas in Queens ongoing:**
        - Jackson Heights
        - East Elmhurst
        - Woodside
        - Melrose
  - d. Discussed properties in terms of what's available and what's not. Jeffrey from Civic will go visit those properties this week. Dan going to check out the area this week. Next week will go look at those properties to gauge our level of interest.
  - e. St. Mary's--upcoming meeting with Executive Director of archdiocese to discuss availability of property, which is a direct negotiation, rather than through Civic or another developer. The building is nice; we would share with a pre-K program that is already there. We'd have to change some of our model because it is significantly smaller than what we're looking at through Civic, with only 14 classrooms available.
  - f. We don't know who all of the various owners of prospective sites are. Once we've narrowed down the list, we can ask Civic who the owners are, and share that information with the Board. This would be helpful, especially if any trustee has developed connections that could be leveraged with real estate owners or developers in our search area. Our charter states that our school must be located in Queens, possibly in a school district other than CSD30.
5. Review Bylaws and Adopt Corporate Policies - Everett Boyd
- a. Bylaws
    - i. We will have to look at these again because we have been presented with another set of revised bylaws by the attorneys we've engaged to do this work, and we are there are continuing to work on the formal agreement regarding the relationship between TRCS and TRCS2.
    - ii. Review of Bylaws, as approved by NYSED
    - iii. Noted: videoconferencing is in original bylaws, which we will need to revisit. Current trustees are the founding trustees, each serving a five-year term.
    - iv. Everett to send copy of bylaws.
    - v. Discussion of calendar
  - b. Corporate Policies
    - i. Whistleblower policy
      - a) Compliance Officer—chair
      - b) Moved, seconded, motion to adopt passed by acclamation
    - ii. Conflict of Interest and Disclosure Policy
      - a) Moved to adopt, seconded, passed by acclamation
6. Fundraising - preliminary discussion: Identifying single funders, corporations or networks who donate to charter schools. Need a board meeting with everyone present to have an open dialogue about routes to get that done. Look to create an event to invite potential donors. Plan the event before the end of this school year--set a financial goal and work towards getting there.
7. Public Speaking—none
8. Meeting Adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

