

# The Renaissance

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## Charter School 2

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**FINAL – Approved June 6, 2018**

May 2, 2018

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Meeting of the Board of Trustees

1. Meeting convened at 8:43 p.m.
2. Roll Call:
  - a. Board members present: Everett Boyd, Rachel Mandel, Conor McCoy, Liz Perez
  - b. Board members absent: Natalie Hardcastle
  - c. Others present: Chester Hicks, Francine Smith, Stacey Gauthier, Daniel Fanelli
3. Review and Approve Minutes of April 11, 2018 - Minutes approved by acclamation
4. Updates on progress toward opening of TRCS2 - Dan Fanelli
  - a. Conversations with Civic Builders: essentially, there is a limited stock for properties within our target size and location, and the rents are not within our range. There are rezoning issues on some properties which pushes out the timeline further. Civic is going to add on an additional partner, Trans-Western. TW has a good record working with schools, has more properties, will vet in advance and come back to us with three or four sites that fit our profile. They will also be putting out letters of intent to brokers.
  - b. Facilities prospects outside of Civic - outside broker--Maureen Kaufman with Charter School Facilities--contacted Stacey. They work with charter schools, say they have a good track record, not exclusive, no fee. Proposed two properties to us today. We're sending them our budget numbers, and they will come back to us.
    - i. 74th Street
    - ii. Queens Boulevard near "Ice Cream Factory" (previously considered property)
  - c. Steve Zimmerman--has good connection with Catholic Archdiocese, who has two sites:
    - i. St. Mary Winfield--somewhat desolate location, can't use gym
    - ii. Near Astoria Manor--was school, taken over by Catholic Charities, now school space again. Charter schools opening up in Queens are all vying for space.
  - e. Some of the bigger issues with the various spaces is that none of them will be big enough to hold the entire school population. Also, the timing--we are looking at almost all spaces not being ready until 2020 because of rezoning, approval, renovations.
  - f. Our authorizer has been very accommodating about the timeline.
5. Public Speaking – none
6. Meeting adjourned - 8:58 p.m.

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