

NEW HORIZONS CHARTER SCHOOL SOCIETY
MINUTES

Type of Meeting: Board	Date: December 18, 2024	Initials: Chair	AA
Approved: FINAL	Recorded By: A. DeJong	Secretary	

December 18, 2024, 7:00 p.m.

Board Members Present at Call to Order:

Adam Asquini CHAIR	Trevor Panas (virtual) TREASURER	Andrea Andrews (virtual) DIRECTOR
Paul Jackson DIRECTOR	Praveen Kakkan DIRECTOR	

Board Members Joining During the Meeting:

Kristie Derkson VICE CHAIR	Adam Koziak SECRETARY	
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Board Members Absent:

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Administration Present at Call to Order:

Terry Moghrabi SUPERINTENDENT	Patti Dundas (virtual) SECRETARY-TREASURER	Lori Vigfusson (virtual) PRINCIPAL
Andrea Watson (virtual) VICE-PRINCIPAL		

1. Call to Order

Chair Asquini called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. and made opening remarks.

2. Statement of Territorial Acknowledgment

The Board of Directors of the New Horizons Charter School Society respectfully acknowledges that the land on which we meet is Treaty 6 territory, a traditional home, gathering place, and travelling route for diverse Indigenous Peoples, including Cree, Saulteaux, Blackfoot, Nakota, and Sioux, as well as the homeland of the Métis Nation. We recognize our responsibility as Treaty members and honour the heritage and gifts of the First Peoples of this land.

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3. Adoption of Agenda

<i>Motion 2024-12-18-01</i>	<p><i>Moved that the agenda for the Board Meeting of December 18, 2024 be adopted as presented.</i></p> <p><i>Moved: Director Jackson</i> <i>Seconded: Director Kakkan</i> <i>Carried</i></p>
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4. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest

Chair Asquini and Board Treasurer Panas have spouses at the school; based on the agenda, no conflict is anticipated. No other conflicts of interest were cited.

5. Approval of Minutes

5.1 Minutes of November 27, 2024

<i>Motion 2024-12-18-02</i>	<p><i>Moved that the Board Meeting minutes of November 27, 2024 be approved as presented.</i></p> <p><i>Moved: Director Jackson</i> <i>Seconded: Director Kakkan</i> <i>Carried</i></p>
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6. Administration Reports

6.1 Principal's Report



Principal Vigfusson provided a summary of her written report, which included report cards, NAGC Conference, admissions, and Computer Science Education Week, as included in the meeting package. Discussion followed.

Vice Chair Derkson arrived during this report.

6.2 Secretary-Treasurer's Report

Secretary-Treasurer Dundas summarized her written report, which included modulars, and value scope, as included in the meeting package. She also indicated that Alberta Education is asking for a letter to confirm that reserve funds exceed 6%; that letter has been drafted for signature and will be sent to Alberta Education. Discussion followed.

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Board Secretary Koziak arrived during this report.

6.3 Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Moghrabi summarized his written report, which included the holiday concert, CASS Zone meeting, Elk Island Catholic Schools meeting updates, Elk Island Public Schools meeting update, TAAPCS Learning Conference, Minister Glubish Follow-up on Reciprocal Use Agreement, and High School Ad Hoc Committee meeting, as included in the meeting package. Discussion followed. Consensus is to acknowledge directors in attendance at school events.

7. Board Reports

7.1 Board Chair's Report

Chair Asquini indicated that he and Superintendent Moghrabi met with EICS Superintendent and Board Chair regarding the transfer of ownership of the building and land. It was a positive meeting and EICS expressed support for the expansion of NHS. A letter of support from EICS is expected in the near future.

7.2 Committee Reports

7.2.1 Finance and Audit Committee

No report.

7.2.2 Policy Guidelines and Bylaws Committee

No report. A committee meeting will be held in January.

7.2.3 Survey Committee

No report.

7.2.4 Public Relations Committee

No report.

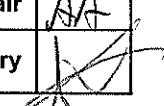
7.2.5 Personnel Committee

No report.

7.2.6 High School Ad Hoc Committee

Chair Asquini indicated that the committee met on December 10 to review the terms of reference and to discuss the discussion items for the upcoming stakeholder forum. Next meeting will be held on January 27, 2025.

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7.2.7 Board Activities

No report.

8. New Business

8.1 NAGC Conference Presentation

Principal Vigfusson and Vice-Principal Watson provided an overview and summary of their attendance at the National Association for Gifted Children (NAGC) conference. Discussion followed.

8.2 Stakeholder Forum Agenda

Superintendent Moghrabi provided background and suggested possible discussion topics for the upcoming stakeholder forum, as included in the meeting package. Discussion followed. The stakeholder forum will be held on Monday, February 3, 2025.

8.3 Set Date for March Planning Retreat

Superintendent Moghrabi provided background on the Spring Board Retreat. Discussion followed. The consensus was to hold the retreat in person at the school on Saturday, April 12, 2025.

8.4 Counsellor's Report

Principal Vigfusson summarized the Counsellor's Report provided by Liam McFarlane, as included in the meeting package. Discussion followed.

8.5 Review Charter Revisions

Superintendent Moghrabi has shared a revised Charter document with the Board of Directors and provided a brief overview of the modifications to date. Agreement that the Policy Committee will review further at their next meeting.



9. Board Work Plan

The Board reviewed the Work Plan for 2024-25, as included in the meeting package.

10. The Association of Alberta Public Charter Schools (TAAPCS)

Director Koziak provided a summary of the feedback of the Zoom webinar with the Education Minister, as included in the meeting package. The new executive met recently and plans are underway for future activities and discussions. Discussion followed.

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11. Receipt of Reports

<i>Motion 2024-12-18-03</i>	<p><i>Moved that all reports be received as presented during the meeting.</i></p> <p><i>Moved: Director Jackson</i> <i>Seconded: Board Secretary Koziak</i> <i>Carried</i></p>
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12. Correspondence Sent

- Holiday Greetings from NHS

13. Correspondence Received

- EDC Minister Holiday Greetings
- EDC Minister Holiday Greetings to Parents
- EDC Deputy Minister Happy Holidays

14. In Camera

14.1 Motion to Move In Camera

<i>Motion 2024-12-18-04</i>	<p><i>Moved that the meeting move in camera at 9:06 p.m.</i></p> <p><i>Moved: Vice Chair Derkson</i> <i>Seconded: Board Secretary Koziak</i> <i>Carried</i></p>
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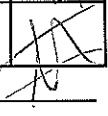
14.2 Motion to Move Out of Camera:

<i>Motion 2024-12-18-05</i>	<p><i>Moved that the meeting move out of camera at 9:37 p.m.</i></p> <p><i>Moved: Director Jackson</i> <i>Seconded: Board Secretary Koziak</i> <i>Carried</i></p>
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14.3 Matters Arising from In Camera Meeting

Action Item: *At the direction of the Board, Superintendent Moghrabi will explore available options to increase revenue and share information with the Board at a future meeting. Further discussion and the impact of those changes will be discussed at the April Board Retreat.*

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15. Adjournment

Chair Asquini adjourned the meeting at 9:37 p.m.

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, January 22, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.