

City of Milwaukee

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Meeting Minutes

CHARTER SCHOOL REVIEW COMMITTEE

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5:00 PM

City Hall, Room 301-B

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Meeting convened: 5:07 P.M.

1. Roll Call.

Members present: Kevin Ingram, Joyce Mallory, Aycha Sawa and David Naryan Leazer Members excused: Ruben Burgos, Desiree Pointer-Mace and Raynetta Hill

2. Review and approval of the minutes of the April 16th meeting.

Ms. Mallory moved, seconded by Mr. Leazer, for approval of the minutes. There were no objections.

3. 190981

Communication relating to administrative matters of the Charter School Review Committee for the 2019-2021 school years.

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Ms. Peay said last April and May the Milwaukee Health Dept. did a collection of water samples. For those water sources, with higher than permitted lead levels, the school can either place a placard on the water source or remediate. The schools ranged from 13 water sources to 0 and the results were provided to each school's board members. Ms. Peay has been in contact with the Health Dept. and they are going to attempt to do the testing again this year. The school would need to pay for the remediation if the school chose to go that route. In a prior year, the Water Works did the lead testing, but now the Health Department is doing the test. Ms. Mallory is concerned if the lead source isn't disconnected, then the water can still be used and she wants to ensure that children don't have access to those water sources. Mr. Leazer wanted to ensure that the placard says why that water source can't be used in case of a change in

administration.

For the item relating to the Institute for the Transformation of Learning, Cheryl Olp said that the 3-year contract ends on December 31, 2021 and since an RFP will need to be done, she would like the end date extended to June 2022 so the schools will have the summer to work with a new transition team for the Charter School Review Committee. In prior years, the contract was just renewed so when it ended wasn't an issue. Ms. Peay said that a lot of the work done by Children's Research Center happens in the summer and their contract ends in October. Ms. Mallory moved to approve the extension, seconded by Ms. Sawa. There were no objections.

Mr. Ingram recommended postponing reviewing of potentially chartering IPAMA until schools are able to open. Ms. Mallory agreed. Mr. Leazer asked about reviewing the application knowing it would go into effect until the 2022 school year. Ms. Peay has been in contact with the Mr. Floyd Williams about putting the application on hold and he didn't express a sense of urgency. Ms. Mallory is concerned about the bussing of students between two campuses and how that will meet the needs of the students. Ms. Peay noted that the school models may look very different in the future based upon COVID19. She noted that schools already using a lot of technology were able to transition easily. Mr. Leazer said that the school may need to provide a plan for distance learning. Ms. Mallory thought distance plans should also be required of schools currently chartered by the city. Once CSRC can physically convene, it can discuss what distance learning requirements should be in place and allow IPAMA to amend its application. Ms. Mallory moved to postpone, seconded by Mr. Leazer. There were no objections. The deadline for new schools can remain as it is, but the prospectuses should incorporate distance learning. Ms. Peay will work on what the chartering wants to focus on, such as early childhood, technology-based schools, etc. and what the CSRC wants to see in its portfolio.

Meeting adjourned: 5:44 P.M.

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