



**PUBLIC MEETING  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
Deep Roots Charter School**  
3556 Frankford Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19134  
September 10, 2024 6:30PM  
Virtual Meeting

<https://deeprootscs-org.zoom.us/j/7186698028?pwd=ajFYcXBhZ3FpbE81Rm9Eekx2TFVJUT09>

Meeting ID: 718 669 8028; Passcode: 207583

**1. Call to Order - 6:36pm**

**2. Roll Call**

**a. Board Members**

- i. Debi Durso (remote)
- ii. Valerie Joell (remote)
- iii. Eric White (remote)
- iv. Kim Griffith(remote)
- v. Victoria Sipes joined (remote) - fell off the call at 6:39, but returned during Exec Session
- vi. Soledad Alfaro (remote)

**b. Others in Attendance**

- i. Lucilla Perry, CEO and Principal of DRCS
- ii. John Widmer, Director of Operations of DRCS
- iii. Charmaine Bailey, AP of Culture
- iv. Kevin Corcoran, Charter Choices
- v. Christopher Barrett, legal counsel
- vi. Patricia Hennessy, legal counsel
- vii. Britne', School District of Philadelphia Observer
- viii. Cameron Voss, School District of Philadelphia Observer

**3. Announcement of Executive Session**

- a. The Board Chair announces an executive session in order for the Board to review personnel updates and to receive legal advice from counsel regarding ongoing legal matters.

- i. Attendees: Debi Durso, Eric White, Soledad Alfaro, Kim Griffith, Lucilla Perry, Legal Counsel at the start (Christopher Barrett)

- ii. Executive Session ended: 7:02

#### 4. Approval of Minutes

- a. *Action*. To approve the minutes of the public meeting of August 13, 2024 as presented to the Board.
  - i. Motion: Victoria Sipes
  - ii. Second: Eric White
  - iii. **Passed with all approval - R -2400910-01**

#### 5. Public Comment

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- No one registered

#### 6. Reports

- a. School Report from Lucilla Perry, CEO
  - i. See CEO's "school report" document for updates
- b. Governance Report from Debi Durso, Board Vice President
  - i. Will kick-off meetings this month
  - ii. Title 9 up for approval this month
  - iii. Committee's focus is on board recruitment (application and interview process is prepared)
- c. School Oversight from Valerie Joell, Board Secretary
  - i. Got baseline information about school data
  - ii. Established school communication systems between Lucilla and School Oversight
  - iii. Lucilla will begin attending these meetings each month
- d. Finance Report from Kevin Corcoran, Charter Choices and Eric White, Treasurer
  - i. See "finance report" document for updates
  - ii. Enrollment is contributing to being well positioned financially
- e. *Action*. To approve the reports in 6(a)-6(d) above, as stated at the meeting and/or as presented to the Board.
  - i. Motion: Victoria Sipes
  - ii. Second: Eric White
  - iii. **Passed with all approval - R -240910-02**

## 7. New Business

- a. *Action.* To approve new hires, staff resignations, and staff stipends as presented in the attachment provided to the Board.
  - i. Motion: Kim Griffith
  - ii. Second: Victoria Sipes
  - iii. **Passed with all approval - R -240910-03**
  
- b. *Action.* To approve revisions to the Deep Roots Charter School Title IX Policy.
  - i. Motion: Victoria Sipes
  - ii. Second: Kim Griffith
  - iii. **Passed with all approval - R -2400910-04**
  
- c. *Action.* To authorize the CEO, in consultation with legal counsel, to execute and deliver an Agreement to resolve a special education dispute concerning Student ID # #10111875 as presented to the Board, and to provide for payment of all associated legal fees.
  - i. Motion: Victoria Sipes
  - ii. Second: Soledad Alfaro
  - iii. **Passed with all approval - R -2400910-05**
  
- d. *Action.* Reserved

## 8. Adjournment - 7:31

- a. *Action.* To adjourn the meeting.
  - i. Motion: Victoria Sipes
  - ii. Second: Kim Griffith
  - iii. **Passed with all approval - R -2400910-06**

Next meeting - October 15, 2024