Board Meeting Minutes

Organization: Pride Academy Charter School Board Meeting

President: Mr. Mitchell Time: 6:38pm

Place: 117 Elmwood Avenue, East Orange, NJ 07018

Date: November 1, 2011
Minute Taker: Ms. Jodi Cenac

Board Members Present: Mr. Mitchell, Ms. Albert, Mr. Moore Others Present: Mr. Ray, Mrs. Thomas, Ms. Dumenigo Mr. Felton, Mr. Tiggs, Mrs. Bagce

This meeting was publicized in the following papers: Newark Star Ledger

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

Tuesday, November 15, 2011 @ 6pm

Topic	Discussion	Outcome
I. Welcome	Greetings and introductions by Board members	
II. Call to Order/Pledge	Mr. Mitchell called the meeting to order at 6:38pm Roll call was done by Mr. Mitchell Announcement of publications- Mrs. Thomas	
III. Resolution to Accept the agenda for November 1, 2011- Attachment 1	 → Mr. Ray reviewed all of the items on the list Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Pride Academy Charter School to Accept the agenda for November 1, 2011- Attachment 1 	Motion to Accept the agenda for November 1, 2011- Attachment 1: Motion to approve: Mr. Moore Seconded: Ms. Albert Vote: Ms. Albert – in favor Mr. Moore- in favor Mr. Mitchell- in favor
IV. Resolution to Accept the August 23, 2011 Board Minutes- Attachment 2:	Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Pride Academy Charter School to Accept the Board August 23, 2011 Board Minutes- Attachment 2.	Motion to Accept the August 23, 2011 Board Minutes- Attachment 2: Motion to approve: Mr. Moore Seconded: Ms. Albert Vote: Ms. Albert — in favor Mr. Moore- in favor Mr. Mitchell- in favor

^{*}Please note Mr. Felton arrived at 7:09pm

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V. Resolution to Accept the Board Secretary & Board Treasurer's Comments Report for July & August, 2011 – Attachment 3	 → Mr. Ray reviewed all the items on this document. Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Pride Academy Charter School to Accept the Board Secretary & Board Treasurer's Comments Report for July & August, 2011 – Attachment 3 	Motion Carried Motion to Accept the Board Secretary & Board Treasurer's Comments Report for July & August, 2011 – Attachment 3: Motion to approve: Mr. Moore Seconded: Ms. Albert Vote: Ms. Albert – in favor Mr. Moore- in favor Mr. Mitchell- in favor
VI. Resolution to Accept the Cash Receipt Schedule for July & August, 2011- Attachment 4	 → Mr. Ray reviewed the items on the list. Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Pride Academy Charter School to Accept the Cash Receipt Schedule for July & August, 2011- Attachment 4. 	Motion Carried Motion to Accept the Cash Receipt Schedule for July & August, 2011- Attachment 4: Motion to approve: Mr. Moore Seconded: Ms. Albert Vote: Ms. Albert – in favor Mr. Moore- in favor Mr. Moore- in favor Mr. Mitchell- in favor
VII. Resolution to Accept Payroll for July, 2011 & Bills List for September & October, 2011- Attachment 5	 → Mr. Ray reviewed the items on the list. Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Pride Academy Charter School to Accept Payroll for July, 2011 & Bills List for September & October, 2011- Attachment 5. 	Motion to Accept Payroll for July, 2011 & Bills List for September & October, 2011- Attachment 5: Motion to approve: Mr. Moore Seconded: Ms. Albert Vote: Ms. Albert – in favor Mr. Moore- in favor Mr. Mitchell- in favor Mr. Felton- in favor

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VIII. Resolution to Accept the Board Secretary & Board Treasurer's Report for July & August, 2011 – Attachment 6	 → Mr. Ray reviewed the items on the list. Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Pride Academy Charter School to Accept the Board Secretary & Board Treasurer's Report for July & August, 2011–Attachment 6 	Motion Carried * Please note that Mr. Felton was able to vote on this motion since he arrived at 7:09pm Motion to approve: Mr. Moore Seconded: Ms. Albert Vote: Ms. Albert – in favor Mr. Moore- in favor Mr. Mitchell- in favor Mr. Felton- in favor Mr. Felton- in favor
IX. FICA Reimbursement Report for the month of August & September, 2011- Attachment 7	→ Mr. Ray reviewed the items on the list. Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Pride Academy Charter School to Accept the FICA Reimbursement Report for August & September, 2011-Attachment 7.	Motion to approve: Mr. Moore Seconded: Ms. Albert Vote: Ms. Albert – in favor Mr. Moore- in favor Mr. Mitchell- in favor Mr. Felton- in favor
X. Principal's Report	Title I: → School Wide Unified Plan- allows us more freedom with our initiatives to service our students and we have been allowed to operate as a School Wide unified plan. We anticipate that we will be approved. EPIC Grant: → A grant awarded to schools who have shown growth in their test scores and we have been awarded a stipend for submitting the grant on time. Hopefully we will be able to become a part of their cohort and continue to celebrate the growth we have observed in our students and school community. Charter Renewal: → We have submitted the application on time. Mrs. Thomas thanked everyone who helped to complete the application. The next step is preparing for the site visit on January 12, 2012. During this visit, officials will interview parents, teachers,	INICION CANTEG

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	Board Members, visit classrooms, etc.	
	Progress Report:	
	→ About two weeks ago, we had more than half the turn out	
	of parents than we did before. It was very successful!	
	ANET Assessment:	
	→ We have just received our first ANET scores from the first	
	assessment. In terms of the network, we have topped their	
	scores a little bit and looking back at this time next year, we	
	have made some significant gains. Tomorrow and Friday we	
	will be analyzing the data and creating Action Plans to move	
	forward.	
	→ Our next step is getting the students and parents involved	
	in the data process and doing so school wide.	
	→ Looking at ways for students to track their progress of the	
	Big Goals.	
	Professional Development:	
	→ We had a few visits from Mr. Barkley and he has been able	
	to see us grow and provide valuable insight so we can make	
	more progress. He will be visiting again in a few weeks.	
	ANET Network Meetings:	
	→ We have served as a host for 2 ANET Network meetings	
	where teachers from other school came to visit and share	
	ideas – in the areas of Math and LAL, data takeaways,	
	analysis, etc.	
	Parent Involvement/Parent Council:	
	→ We hosted a Parent Party and there were 80 parents with	
	their children in attendance. Mr. Mitchell also attended. The	
	theme was the Rev. Jesse Jackson quote: "More than	
	anything children want your presence, not your presents."	
	→ One activity was to think of as many activities that started with the letter P that they could do with the children (picking	
	flowers, picking books, puzzles, etc.)	
	→ Parents were given a bag of popcorn and instructed to pop	
	the bag and spend time with their children.	
	→ Parents were given a clock and they needed to list various	
	activities they could do with their child (African Dance, attend	
	a Parent Council Meeting, etc.) We want to follow up and	
	support parents in any way we can to enable them to be	
	successful with their commitments.	
	RESPECT Week:	
	→ Our theme was "Be a Super Hero- Respect Everyone"	
	→ There was a contest and we had guest speakers from	
	GLSEN and Stop the Shootin Inc.	
	Be That Today:	
	→ We have a quote every year and this year we wanted our	
	children to realize that what they do on a regular basis is	
	affecting their future. Ms. Dumenigo and Ms. Cenac thought it	
	would be more effective to have the teachers create it. We	
	had a meeting during summer orientation and the teachers	
	began to ask/think about the theme. It evolved into a question	
	that Mrs. Del Rio brought up- "why don't we simply ask them	
	who do they want to be?" Then tell them that they need to	

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	do/be that today. The theme was reinforced by a chant that Mr. Dunn did with his classes- "Who are you? I amso be that today, be that today, be that today!" Every Friday when we do Shout-Outs, we use the chant and celebrate students and teachers. Passing of a Student: → We unfortunately lost a student and Mrs. Thomas thanked the efforts of the Social Workers, Ms. Dumenigo, Ms. Brower and Mr. Ray, as well as the teachers for how they handled the situation. → We held a support group for teachers and parents. Enrollment: → Prior to the student passing, we were at full enrollment. The question is how do we proceed due to the circumstances. Mr. Mitchell thanked Mrs. Thomas for the report and praised the efforts of the Administration and school.	
XI. Resolution to approve the hiring of Ms. Michelle Beckerman as Academic Support Teacher (Special Education) for 2011-2012 school year with the annual salary of \$44,000 effective August 19, 2011-Attachment 8	→ co- teacher for 5 th grade LAL Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Pride Academy Charter School to Authorize and approve the hiring of Ms. Michelle Beckerman as Academic Support Teacher (Special Education) for 2011-2012 school year with the annual salary of \$44,000 effective August 19, 2011- Attachment 8	Motion to approve the hiring of Ms. Michelle Beckerman as Academic Support Teacher (Special Education) for 2011-2012 school year with the annual salary of \$44,000 effective August 19, 2011-Attachment 8: Motion to approve: Mr. Moore Seconded: Ms. Albert — in favor Mr. Moore- in favor Mr. Moore- in favor Mr. Mitchell- in favor Mr. Felton- in favor
XII. Resolution to approve the acceptance and submission of the NCLB Grant- Attachment 9	 → Every year we complete the NCLB Grant which provides funds for our students and we need to complete a new one each year. Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Pride Academy Charter School to approve the acceptance and submission of the NCLB Grant- Attachment 9 	Motion Carried Motion to approve the acceptance and submission of the NCLB Grant-Attachment 9: Motion to approve: Mr. Moore Seconded:

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		Ms. Albert Vote: Ms. Albert – in favor Mr. Moore- in favor Mr. Mitchell- in favor Mr. Felton- in favor
XIII. Resolution to approve the acceptance and submission of the IDEA Grant- Attachment 10	 → We complete an IDEA Grant which provides funds for our Special Education population Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Pride Academy Charter School to approve the acceptance and submission of the IDEA Grant- Attachment 10 	Motion to approve the acceptance and submission of the IDEA Grant-Attachment 10: Motion to approve: Mr. Moore Seconded: Ms. Albert Vote: Ms. Albert – in favor Mr. Moore- in favor Mr. Mitchell- in favor Mr. Felton- in favor
XIV. Resolution to approve the adoption of the School Wide Unified Plan- Attachment 11	 → A shift from being a targeted Title I program to being a School Wide Title I program. → We explore parent and student areas → We were given preliminary approval to operate as School Wide Title I program, attended training, etc. → Formal approval is given online → Title I is defined as students most at risk academically Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Pride Academy Charter School to Approve the adoption of the School Wide Unified Plan- Attachment 11 	Motion to approve the adoption of the School Wide Unified Plan-Attachment 11: Motion to approve: Mr. Moore Seconded: Ms. Albert Vote: Ms. Albert – in favor Mr. Moore- in favor Mr. Mitchell- in favor Mr. Felton- in favor
XV. Resolution to Approve the acceptance and submission of the EPIC Grant- Attachment 12	 → An opportunity that is determined when we submit data for the past three years to become part of a cohort where we share best practices and there is also a financial component to recognize teachers → We received a stipend for submitting the application on time and are awaiting a response to see if we qualified for the award. 	Motion Carried Motion to approve the acceptance and submission of the EPIC Grant-Attachment 12: Motion to approve: Mr. Moore

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	Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Pride Academy Charter School to Approve the acceptance and submission of the EPIC Grant- Attachment 12	Seconded: Ms. Albert Vote: Ms. Albert – in favor Mr. Moore- in favor Mr. Mitchell- in favor Mr. Felton- in favor
XVI. Resolution to approve the resolution for acceptance of the violin program for 2011- 2012 school year- Attachment 13	 → A program for 16 students that will run for the entire school year during our elective period 2xs per week (Mondays and Fridays) → Targeted to the 5th and 6th grade students in the hope that they will continue over the next four years → Mr. Felton put us in contact with the Noel Pointer Foundation- we have a teacher, books, instruction, for all the students so that we could implement the Violin Program. → The total costs was about \$10,000 → Students were very excited about the opportunity Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Pride Academy Charter School to Approve the resolution for acceptance of the violin program for 2011- 2012 school year- Attachment 13 	Motion Carried Motion to approve the resolution for acceptance of the violin program for 2011- 2012 school year- Attachment 13: Motion to approve: Mr. Moore Seconded: Mr. Felton Vote: Ms. Albert – in favor Mr. Moore- in favor Mr. Mitchell- in favor Mr. Felton- in favor
XV. Resolution to Approve the resolution for reimbursement of finger printing and criminal background check fees for Board members- Attachment 14	Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Pride Academy Charter School to Approve the resolution for reimbursement of finger printing and criminal background check fees for Board members- Attachment 14	Motion Carried Motion to Approve the resolution for reimbursement of finger printing and criminal background check fees for Board members- Attachment 14: Motion to approve: Mr. Moore Seconded: Mr. Felton Vote: Ms. Albert – in favor Mr. Moore- in favor Mr. Mitchell- in favor Mr. Felton- in favor Mr. Felton- in favor

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XVI. Resolution to Approve the hiring of Mr. Adam Swart as a Substitute teacher @ \$100/day subject to the provision of the substitute teacher certification issued by the NJ DOE - Attachment 15	→ Our current Art teacher has decided that he does not want to be a teacher. → We have identified a gentleman that would be a great addition to our community, not only as a teacher, but his overall talents. → Since he does not have a current certification for NJ, we have hired him as proposed hire as a Substitute teacher until his NJ certification arrives → He will now be conducting the Art elective 2xs per week alongside the Art teacher * Please note that this resolution was amended to state: approves the hiring of Mr. Adams Swart as a Sub teacher @100/day subject to the providing of the sub teaching cert issued by the NJ DOE ** The contract needs to state that the independent contract terminates once he is retained as a member of the teaching staff. Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Pride Academy Charter School to Approve the hiring of Mr. Adam Swart as a Substitute teacher @ \$100/day subject to the provision of the substitute teacher certification issued by the NJ DOE - Attachment 15	Motion to Approve the hiring of Mr. Adam Swart as a Substitute teacher @ \$100/day subject to the provision of the substitute teacher certification issued by the NJ DOE - Attachment 15: Motion to approve: Mr. Moore Seconded: Mr. Felton Vote: Ms. Albert – in favor Mr. Moore- in favor Mr. Mitchell- in favor Mr. Felton- in favor Mr. Felton- in favor
XVII. Resolution to Approve the acceptance of the independent contractor agreement for Adam Swart for providing enrichment services - Attachment 15a	Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Pride Academy Charter School to Approve the acceptance of the independent contractor agreement for Adam Swart for providing enrichment services - Attachment 15a	Motion to Approve the acceptance of the independent contractor agreement for Adam Swart for providing enrichment services - Attachment 15a: Motion to approve: Mr. Moore Seconded: Mr. Felton Vote: Ms. Albert – in favor Mr. Moore- in favor Mr. Mitchell- in favor Mr. Felton- in favor Mr. Felton- in favor
XVIII. Resolution to approve the independent contractor agreement for Mrs. Madhuchhanda Ray for	→ Ms. Kaur resigned from the position so we need to transfer the grant responsibilities to Mrs. Ray Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Pride Academy Charter School to approve the independent contractor agreement for Mrs. Madhuchhanda Ray for coordinating the ERATE Grant for 2011- 2012 School Year not to exceed \$5,000- Attachment 16	Motion Carried Motion to approve the independent contractor agreement for Mrs. Madhuchhanda Ray for coordinating the ERATE Grant for 2011-2012 School Year not

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coordinating the ERATE Grant for 2011- 2012 School Year not to exceed \$5,000- Attachment 16		to exceed \$5,000- Attachment 16: Motion to approve: Ms. Albert Seconded: Mr. Felton Vote: Ms. Albert — in favor Mr. Moore- in favor Mr. Mitchell- in favor Mr. Felton- in favor
XIX. Resolution to approve the independent contract agreement for Ms. Latrina May to work as a substitute teacher @\$100/day effective September 15, 2011 not to exceed \$10, 000-Attachment 17	Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Pride Academy Charter School to approve the independent contract agreement for Ms. Latrina May to work as a substitute teacher @\$100/day effective September 15, 2011 not to exceed \$10, 000- Attachment 17	Motion Carried Motion to approve the independent contract agreement for Ms. Latrina May to work as a substitute teacher @\$100/day effective September 15, 2011 not to exceed \$10, 000-Attachment 17: Motion to approve: Mr. Moore Seconded: Ms. Albert Vote: Ms. Albert – in favor Mr. Mitchell- in favor Mr. Moore- in favor Mr. Felton- in favor Mr. Felton- in favor
XX. Resolution to approve the independent contract agreement for Robert F. Mozeika as Treasurer of School Monies \$500/month not to exceed \$6,000- Attachment 18	 → Per recommendation of the State Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Pride Academy Charter School to Approve the independent contract agreement for Robert F. Mozeika as Treasurer of School Monies \$500/month not to exceed \$6,000-Attachment 18 	Motion to approve the independent contract agreement for Robert F. Mozeika as Treasurer of School Monies \$500/month not to exceed \$6,000-Attachment 18: Motion to approve: Mr. Moore Seconded: Ms. Albert Vote: Ms. Albert – in favor Mr. Mitchell- in favor

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		Mr. Moore- in favor Mr. Felton- in favor
		Motion Carried
XXI. Resolution to Approve the professional development workshop for Ms. Nicole Paladino- Attachment 19	Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Pride Academy Charter School to Approve the professional development workshop for Ms. Nicole Paladino- Attachment 19	Motion to Approve the professional development workshop for Ms. Nicole Paladino-Attachment 19: Motion to approve: Mr. Felton Seconded: Mr. Moore Vote: Ms. Albert – in favor Mr. Mitchell- in favor Mr. Felton- in favor Mr. Felton- in favor
		Motion Carried
XXII. Resolution to Approve the submission of the charter renewal application- Attachment 20	→ Application was submitted and on time Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Pride Academy Charter School to Approve the submission of the charter renewal application- Attachment 20	Motion to Approve the submission of the charter renewal application-Attachment 20: Motion to approve: Mr. Felton Seconded: Mr. Moore Vote: Ms. Albert – in favor Mr. Mitchell- in favor Mr. Felton- in favor Mr. Felton- in favor Mr. Moore- in favor
XXIII. Resolution to approve the addendum to contract language for the payment of the year-end stipend- Attachment 21	→ Attorney has reviewed Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Pride Academy Charter School to approve the addendum to contract language for the payment of the year-end stipend- Attachment 21	Motion to approve the addendum to contract language for the payment of the year-end stipend-Attachment 21: Motion to approve: Mr. Felton Seconded:

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		Mr. Moore Vote: Ms. Albert – in favor Mr. Mitchell- in favor Mr. Felton- in favor Mr. Moore- in favor
		Motion Carried
XXIV. Resolution to approve the acceptance of the Annual Nursing Plan- Attachment 22	→ Plan designed by the School Nurse Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Pride Academy Charter School to approve the acceptance of the Annual Nursing Plan- Attachment 22	Motion to approve the acceptance of the Annual Nursing Plan-Attachment 22: Motion to approve: Mr. Felton Seconded: Mr. Moore Vote: Ms. Albert – in favor Mr. Mitchell- in favor Mr. Felton- in favor Mr. Felton- in favor Mr. Moore- in favor
XXV. Resolution to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between Education and Law Enforcement Officials- Attachment 23	 → Memorandum we have visited before and approved Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Pride Academy Charter School to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between Education and Law Enforcement Officials- Attachment 23 	Motion to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between Education and Law Enforcement Officials- Attachment 23: Motion to approve: Mr. Felton Seconded: Mr. Moore Vote: Ms. Albert – in favor Mr. Mitchell- in favor Mr. Felton- in favor Mr. Felton- in favor Mr. Folton- in favor Mr. Moore- in favor

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XXVI. Resolution to approve the updated transportation policy- Attachment 24	Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Pride Academy Charter School to approve the updated transportation policy- Attachment 24	Motion to approve the updated transportation policy- Attachment 24: Motion to approve: Mr. Felton Seconded: Mr. Moore Vote: Ms. Albert – in favor Mr. Mitchell- in favor Mr. Felton- in favor Mr. Moore- in favor Mr. Moore- in favor
XXVII. Resolution to approve the increased contract amount for Steve Barkley (Performance Learning Systems from \$15,000 to \$25,000)- Attachment 25	Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Pride Academy Charter School to approve the increased contract amount for Steve Barkley (Performance Learning Systems from \$15,000 to \$25,000)- Attachment 25	Motion to approve the increased contract amount for Steve Barkley (Performance Learning Systems from \$15,000 to \$25,000)- Attachment 25: Motion to approve: Mr. Felton Seconded: Mr. Moore Vote: Ms. Albert – in favor Mr. Mitchell- in favor Mr. Felton- in favor Mr. Felton- in favor Mr. Moore- in favor
XXVIII. Resolution to renew the surety bond for SBA for School year 2011-2012- Attachment 26	Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Pride Academy Charter School to renew the surety bond for SBA for School year 2011-2012- Attachment 26	Motion to approve the renewal of the surety bond for SBA for School year 2011-2012- Attachment 26: Motion to approve: Mr. Felton Seconded: Mr. Moore

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		Ms. Albert – in favor Mr. Mitchell- in favor Mr. Felton- in favor Mr. Moore- in favor
		Motion Carried
XXIX. Resolution to approve the hiring of Ms. Shilpa Desai as Accounting Clerk for the School Year 2011- 2012 with the annual salary of \$36,000 and prorated at \$24,000 effective October 31, 2011- Attachment 27	Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Pride Academy Charter School to approve the hiring of Ms. Shilpa Desai as Accounting Clerk for the School Year 2011- 2012 with the annual salary of \$36,000 and prorated at \$24,000 effective October 31, 2011- Attachment 27	Motion to approve the hiring of Ms. Shilpa Desai as Accounting Clerk for the School Year 2011- 2012 with the annual salary of \$36,000 and prorated at \$24,000 effective October 31, 2011- Attachment 27: Motion to approve: Mr. Felton Seconded: Mr. Moore Vote: Ms. Albert – in favor Mr. Mitchell- in favor Mr. Felton- in favor Mr. Felton- in favor Mr. Moore- in favor
		Motion Carried
	Resolution to approve the Principal's recommendation to terminate Ms. Brandi Sica Motion to Approve: Ms. Albert Seconded: Mr. Moore Vote: Ms. Albert – in favor Mr. Mitchell- in favor Mr. Felton- in favor Mr. Folton- in favor Mr. Moore- in favor	
XXX. New Business	→ Tabled for next meeting	

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XXXI. Old Business	→ Tabled for next meeting	
XXII. Comments from the Public	→ None	
XXXIII.	The meeting was adjourned at 9:40pm Motion to adjourn the meeting- Motion to approve: Mr. Felton Seconded: Ms. Albert Vote:	
Adjournment	Ms. Albert - in favor Mr. Mitchell- in favor Mr. Felton- in favor Mr. Moore- in favor	
	Motion Carried	