

**MINUTES OF THE
HELLENIC CLASSICAL CHARTER – PARK SLOPE
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
HELD ON July 3, 2019 AT 9:00 a.m.
AT
646 5th AVENUE, BROOKLYN, NEW YORK 11215**

MEMBERS AND STAFF

PRESENT

Christina Tettonis	Superintendent
Joy Petrakos	Chief of Operations
Natasha Caban	Principal HCCS-PS
Cathy Kakleas	Principal HCCS-SI
Anastasia Etimos	Guidance Counselor
Christina Portelos	Director of Finance & Operations
Stacy Kokkoros	Business Administrative Assistant

VIA SKYPE CONFERENCE

Charles Capetanakis	Chairman
Harvey Newman	Secretary
Nikolaos Leonardos	Treasurer
Effie Lekas	Member
Grazia Svokos	Member

ABSENT

Dr. Liana Theodoratou	Member/Excused
Dean Angelakos	Member/Excused
Nik Mathews	Member/Excused

Mr. Capetanakis chaired the meeting. Joy Petrakos acted as recorder. There were five Board members present at the Board meeting as such having quorum.

Mrs. Petrakos informed the Board that the June minutes are not ready for approval and asked to table the minutes for the August meeting. Mr. Capetanakis asked for a motion to table the June minutes. Mr. Leonardos made the motion to table the June minutes and Mr. Newman seconded the motion. There being no action items Mr. Capetanakis opened the meeting to discussion. Mrs. Tettonis reported that the end of the school year was successful. Our students received their summer packets and are prepared to read over the summer. The parents gave great feedback on the last day of school.

There being no further business, Mr. Capetanakis asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Newman. Mr. Leonardos seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Harvey Newman
Harvey Newman, Secretary

**MINUTES OF THE
HELLENIC CLASSICAL CHARTER – PARK SLOPE
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
HELD ON August 12, 2019 AT 9:30 a.m.
AT
646 5th AVENUE, BROOKLYN, NEW YORK 11215**

MEMBERS AND STAFF

PRESENT

Christina Tettonis	Superintendent
Joy Petrakos	Chief of Operations
Natasha Caban	Principal HCCS-PS
Cathy Kakleas	Principal HCCS-SI
Anastasia Etimos	Guidance Counselor
Christina Portelos	Director of Finance & Operations

VIA SKYPE CONFERENCE

Charles Capetanakis	Chairman
Harvey Newman	Secretary
Nikolaos Leonardos	Treasurer
Effie Lekas	Member
Dean Angelakos	Member

ABSENT

Dr. Liana Theodoratou	Member
Grazia Svokos	Member
Nik Mathews	Member
Stacy Kokkoros	Business Administrative Assistant
Dena Capetanakis	Director of Community & Engagement

The first item on the agenda is the approval of the minutes from the June 27th, 2019 and July 3rd, 2019 meetings: On a motion made by Mr. Newman and seconded by Mr. Leonardos, the minutes were unanimously approved.

Superintendent's Report

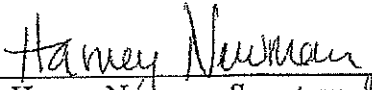
Mrs. Tettonis reported that the majority of the newly admitted kindergarten students are ELL's. She explained that the students will all be tested once school starts to determine whether they are truly ELL students. In addition, she noted that our special education numbers have risen almost 4%.

Chief of Operations Report

The revised 2019-20 budget was presented and reviewed by the Board. Mr. Capetanakis made a motion to approve the budget. There being a unanimous vote, the budget was approved.

The next Board Meeting will be held at HCCS-PS at 9:30am on September 24, 2019.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00am.


Harvey Newman, Secretary

**MINUTES OF THE
HELLENIC CLASSICAL CHARTER SCHOOL – PARK SLOPE
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**

Held on September 24, 2019 AT 9:30 a.m.

AT

646 5th AVENUE, BROOKLYN, NEW YORK 11215

MEMBERS AND STAFF

PRESENT

Christina Tettonis	Superintendent
Natasha Caban	Principal HCCS-PS
Christina Portelos	Director of Finance & Operations
Stacy Kokkoros	Business Administrative Assistant
Mrs. Montalvo	Parent of 1 st & 3 rd grade students

VIA SKYPE CONFERENCE

Charles Capetanakis	Chairman
Harvey Newman	Secretary
Nikolaos Leonardos	Treasurer
Effie Lekas	Member
Grazia Svokos	Member
Joy Petrakos	Chief of Operations
Cathy Kakleas	Principal HCCS-SI
Dena Capetanakis	Director of Community & Engagement

ABSENT

Dean Angelakos	Member
Nik Mathews	Member
Dr. Liana Theodoratou	Member
Anastasia Etimos	Guidance Counselor

Mr. Capetanakis chaired the meeting. Joy Petrakos acted as recorder. There were five Board members present, as such having quorum.

The first item on the agenda was the approval of the minutes from the August 12, 2019 meetings. On a motion made by Mrs. Svokos and seconded by Mrs. Lekas, the minutes were unanimously approved.

Superintendent's Report

Mrs. Tettonis began by welcoming everyone and announced that we are celebrating our 15th anniversary at the Hellenic Classical Charter School in Park School this year. We are very proud, she stated. She continued to report that we had very successful school orientations and a

great first day of school. Our P.T.A. held their first meeting, our staff attended professional development and we held two well attended curriculum nights. The staff was very prepared and she is very proud of everyone.

Mrs. Tettonis, at this point, gave a lot of credit to the new principal of HCCS-PS, Mrs. Natasha Caban. She is extremely proud of Mrs. Caban and her entire new team and all of her accomplishments thus far. She wished her all the best in her new position. The community has embraced her and they love her.

Mrs. Tettonis continued her report by giving praise to Mrs. Capetanakis. She commented on how important it is that our mission and vision be aligned in both schools. Although it is two separate communities, Mrs. Capetanakis makes sure that our parents are aware of our school events and communication between our teachers and our parents, which is critical.

Lastly, Mrs. Tettonis thanked the Board for their tremendous support.

Mrs. Tettonis added that this Thursday, the US Department of Education will be making an announcement about our school at approximately 1:00 p.m., regarding the Blue Ribbon award. In addition we are getting a visit from Regent Cea of Staten Island, and from the NYSED, Executive Director, Mr. David Frank on October 18th.

Mrs. Tettonis reminded the Board that our PTA is holding their 2nd annual gala on November 8th in our gym-a-torium and would appreciate it if everyone could attend. Proceeds will go towards our air conditioning fund.

Mr. Capetanakis thanked Mrs. Tettonis for her comprehensive report.

Chief of Operations Report

Mrs. Petrakos began by thanking Stacy Kokkoros, Christina Portelos and Joyce Liappas for all the work they did over the summer to make sure that we had a successful school opening. She continued to thank everyone for coming together to do anything and everything, being professional and having team spirit.

Mrs. Petrakos reported the grants which will be continuing this year are the NYC Ballet, Carnegie Hall, New York Edge for middle school students and our partnership with Ted Talks and Aaron Silvan.

Principal's Report

Mrs. Caban informed the Board that the ATS machine in Park Slope is not working and we are currently awaiting a replacement.

She also noted that Mrs. Etimos, our Guidance Counselor, has begun working on the high school applications. She already had her high school information meeting with the parents.

Mrs. Caban informed the Board that we will no longer be using ITBS assessment. She reported that that we will now have a new interim assessment called NWEA. NWEA stands for North

West Educational Assessment. Ms. Caban stated that this program is very popular throughout the country and it is an online based assessment. It will be administered over four days and our students will be using their school iPads to complete the assessment. The assessment will begin the week of October 7th by order of grades. She continued to report that NWEA will give us real time data. We will be able to track progress for all of our students. The assessment will be given in October, January and May. This will now be part of our charter goals and we will see how our students progress throughout the year. Our teachers are very excited and are currently being trained. Everyone is very eager to start this new computerized assessment.

There being no unfinished business, Mr. Capetanakis asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Lekas. Mr. Newman seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

The next Board meeting will be held at HCCS-PS at 9:30am on October 24, 2019.

Harvey Newman
Harvey Newman, Secretary

**MINUTES OF THE
HELLENIC CLASSICAL CHARTER – PARK SLOPE
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
HELD ON OCTOBER 24, 2019 AT 9:30 a.m.
AT
646 5th AVENUE, BROOKLYN, NEW YORK 11215**

MEMBERS AND STAFF

PRESENT

Christina Tettonis
Natasha Caban
Christina Portelos
Stacy Kokkoros

Superintendent
Principal HCCS-PS
Director of Finance & Operations
Business Administrative Assistant

VIA SKYPE CONFERENCE

Charles Capetanakis
Nikolaos Leonardos
Effie Lekas
Grazia Svokos
Joy Petrakos
Cathy Kakleas

Chairman
Treasurer
Member
Member
Chief of Operations
Principal HCCS-SI

ABSENT

Harvey Newman
Dean Angelakos
Nik Mathews
Dr. Liana Theodoratou
Anastasia Etimos
Dena Capetanakis

Secretary
Member
Member
Member
Guidance Counselor
Director of Community & Engagement

Mr. Capetanakis chaired the meeting. Joy Petrakos acted as recorder. There were four Board members present at the Board meeting as such having quorum.

The first item on the agenda is the approval of the minutes of the meeting on September 24, 2019. On a motion made by Mr. Leonardos and seconded by Mrs. Svokos, the minutes were unanimously approved.

Superintendent's Report

Mrs. Tettonis began by congratulating the team on their achievement on The National Blue Ribbon award. She informed the Board that the ceremony will take place in Maryland in November.

Mrs. Svokos donated two tickets for the Gala and asked that the tickets be given to one of our families.

Ms. Tettonis reported that we received a donation from one of our teachers for the value of one students' airfare to travel to Greece for the Ancient Greek Theater and History Day Fair trip in February 2020.

Mrs. Tettonis also noted that she is very proud of the work that Mrs. Caban and her instructional team have done on the Pupil Path system. The instructional team also has coordinated with our parents regarding the new assessment program called NWEA.

Mrs. Tettonis and Mrs. Petrakos are continually seeking funding for the school. Mrs. Tettonis reported that another foundation has reached out to her to for possible funding for the school and they will have a conference call with them next week to discuss the specifics.

Mrs. Tettonis reported that we will be receiving Chrome books with Greek software for a program entitled Rebooting the Greek Language. Rebooting is a program about learning the Greek language for beginners which is part of a grant funded by the Stavros Niarchos Foundation.

Mrs. Tettonis continued by reporting to the Board that we received a huge honor from Archbishop Elpidoforos of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America. Archbishop Elpidoforos sent us a letter congratulating us for our Blue Ribbon recognition.

Mr. Leonardos sadly noted that we recently lost Mr. John Haskopoulos, the Parish President of Kimisis Theotokou Church. He was a dynamic individual and a good friend of the school.

There being no unfinished business, Mr. Capetanakis asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Lekas. Mr. Leonardos seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

The next Board meeting will be held at HCCS-PS at 9:30 a.m. on November 21, 2019.

Harvey Newman JP
Harvey Newman, Secretary

**MINUTES OF THE
HELLENIC CLASSICAL CHARTER – PARK SLOPE
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
HELD ON NOVEMBER 26, 2019 AT 9:00 a.m.
AT
646 5th AVENUE, BROOKLYN, NEW YORK 11215**

MEMBERS AND STAFF

PRESENT

Christina Tettonis	Superintendent
Joy Petrakos	Chief of Operations
Natasha Caban	Principal HCCS-PS
Christina Portelos	Director of Finance & Operations
Stacy Kokkoros	Business Administrative Assistant

VIA SKYPE CONFERENCE

Charles Capetanakis	Chairman
Cathy Kakleas	Principal HCCS-SI
Nikolaos Leonardos	Treasurer
Effie Lekas	Member
Grazia Svokos	Member

ABSENT

Anastasia Etimos	Guidance Counselor
Harvey Newman	Secretary
Dena Capetanakis	Director of Community & Engagement
Dean Angelakos	Member
Nik Mathews	Member
Dr. Liana Theodoratou	Member

Mr. Capetanakis chaired the meeting. Joy Petrakos acted as recorder. There were four Board members present at the Board meeting as such having quorum.

The first item on the agenda is the approval of the minutes of the meeting on October 24, 2019. On a motion made by Mr. Leonardos and seconded by Mrs. Svokos, the minutes were unanimously approved.

Chief of Operations Report

Mrs. Petrakos seeks approval from the Board for HCCS-PS to merge authorizers with HCCS-SI. Currently HCCS-PS is authorized by the NYC Department of Education and HCCS-SI authorized by the New York State Board of Regents. After the merger is approved both schools will be authorized under the New York State Board of Regents. She explained the need to have a board vote as it is required as part of our merger application. In addition we also need a letter of approval from our DOE authorizers allowing us to merge to SED.

Mr. Leonardos inquired as to whether the merger will require a change to the name. He also inquired whether this will require us to get a new tax ID number. Mrs. Petrakos answered that there will be one name, "Hellenic Classical Charter School" for both schools. Each school will be recognized by their location, HCCS-Park Slope and HCCS-Statens Island. The tax ID number will stay the same for both schools.

Mr. Leonardos continued to inquire if having one tax ID number will jeopardize our rental assistance from the state. Mrs. Petrakos indicated that she will confirm whether the merger will have any effect on our rental reimbursement.

Mr. Capetanakis motioned the approval of the merger of the two charters to the New York State Board of Regents upon the merger allowing either or both of the schools to be eligible for CSP Grant and the merger allowing us to continue to be eligible for rental reimbursement.

Mr. Leonardos seconds the motion. All in favor. The motion carries.

Mr. Leonardos is working with a vendor for the air conditions units for HCCS-PS. The vendor that came to the school strongly recommends that we install one unit and that it will be more cost effective to install. He will follow up with the architect.

Superintendent's Report

Mrs. Tettonis highlighted that on the School Quality Snapshot we made significant progress from last year. She is very happy with our results. In order to get these results it takes a lot of work. It takes into account the teachers, student and parent surveys, school attendance, eighth grade graduates, and how they are doing in high school all counts towards our rating in addition to the standardized test exams and test rates. We are being compared to the city and to District 15 which is the highest rated district in New York City. Our students that graduate from here do extremely well in high schools and they outperform the district and NYC.

Mrs. Tettonis also stated that we do not get rated on the students who enter Catholic schools.

Mr. Capetanakis asked how many students took the TACHS test? Mrs. Tettonis responded that 18 students took the test.

Mrs. Tettonis congratulated the Gala committee for raising \$40,000.00 towards our air conditioning fund during the Gala earlier this month.

Mr. Capetanakis congratulated everyone on receiving the Blue Ribbon Award in Washington D.C. on November 15th.

Mr. Capetanakis moved to go into executive session. Mr. Leonardos seconded the motion.

Executive session at 9:55.

There are no votes taken.

There being no unfinished business, Mr. Capetanakis asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Leonardos. Ms. Lekas seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

The next Board meeting will be held at HCCS-PS at 9:30 a.m. on December 16, 2019.

Harvey Newman
Harvey Newman, Secretary

**MINUTES OF THE
HELLENIC CLASSICAL CHARTER – PARK SLOPE
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
HELD ON DECEMBER 16, 2019 AT 9:00 a.m.
AT
646 5th AVENUE, BROOKLYN, NEW YORK 11215**

MEMBERS AND STAFF

PRESENT

Christina Tettonis	Superintendent
Joy Petrakos	Chief of Operations
Natasha Caban	Principal HCCS-PS
Charles Capetanakis	Chairman
Nikolaos Leonardos	Treasurer
Anastasia Etimos	Guidance Counselor
Christina Portelos	Director of Finance & Operations
Stacy Kokkoros	Business Administrative Assistant

VIA SKYPE CONFERENCE

Harvey Newman	Secretary
Effie Lekas	Member
Cathy Kakleas	Principal HCCS-SI

ABSENT

Grazia Svokos	Member
Dean Angelakos	Member
Nik Mathews	Member
Dr. Liana Theodoratou	Member

Mr. Capetanakis chaired the meeting. Joy Petrakos acted as recorder. There were four members present at the Board meeting as such having quorum.

The first item on the agenda is the approval of the minutes of the meeting on November 26, 2019. On a motion made by Mr. Newman and seconded by Mr. Leonardos, the minutes were unanimously approved.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mrs. Tettonis reported that she was impressed and pleased with our ninth grade scores as reported on the DOE 2019 school quality snapshot report. This is a clear indication that the work we do in our elementary and middle school prepares our students to be high school ready. Mr. Leonardos asked about the number of students in this graduating class not taking the Specialized High School exam. Mrs. Tettonis stated that she sees a trend of students going to private schools instead of specialized high schools after they graduate from HCCS. She stated

that Mrs. Etimos, with help from Mrs. Bonakis, had to do tremendous amount of work to prepare all the letters of recommendations. Mrs. Etimos added that we will receive the public high school acceptances in March. Mrs. Etimos reported that fewer students are taking the specialized high school exam. Therefore, she would like to start the parent workshops earlier in the year in order to explain the specialized high school admissions process. She continued to report that we had eleven students accepted to the DREAM program but those parents declined the offers.

Mr. Capetanakis stated that he feels that parents do not want to stress their children and are opting out of the specialized high schools. He agreed with Mrs. Etimos in scheduling earlier informative workshops to educate our parents.

Mr. Newman remarked that his impression of NYC public schools has evolved and whereas we used to measure students by their private school or specialized high school acceptances, there are now many public school high quality choices available to our parents. He feels we should expand our own view of what is a quality high school. These high quality programs would be preferable to most students rather than the specialized high schools. One reason is because many of them are smaller and are more personable. In addition, our children are coming from a similar environment therefore it would be easier to transition to these types of schools.

Mrs. Tettonis reported that HCCS-PS had their first Open House in the gymnasium on December 5th, and it was a full house. It was extremely successful.

Mrs. Lekas suggested setting up a fundraising committee that she and Mrs. Svokos would chair.

Mrs. Tettonis reported that the Holiday Show will be on Friday, December 20, 2019.

CHIEF OF OPERATIONS REPORT

Mrs. Petrakos reported that she and Mrs. Portelos are working closely with Sterling bank regarding our loan renewal. We are expecting the bank to extend our loan for another year. Mrs. Petrakos thanked Mrs. Portelos for all her hard work and support.

There being no unfinished business, Mr. Capetanakis asked for a motion to adjourn and go into executive session. The motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Lekas. Mr. Newman seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

The next Board meeting will be held at HCCS-PS at 9:30 a.m. on January 23, 2020.

Harvey Newman
Harvey Newman, Secretary