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**Governance Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Friday, June 10, 2022, 8:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.**

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- I. Introductions/Welcome
- II. Attendance was Recorded once all members were present at noon.
- III. Vision/Mission Statement of the Governance Committee
  - a. The members discussed the potential mission statement and made revisions and edits. It was determined that the mission/vision statement of the Governance Committee would be “ The Abby Kelley Foster Governance Committee is responsible for ensuring Board adherence to the Bylaws and reviewing governance structures and practices of the Board of Trustees and its Committees.” It was also noted that a final draft would be presented at the next meeting and voted on.
- IV. Submission of Public Comments to the Board of Trustees
  - a. DESE updated the language on how to submit public comments, and Abby Kelley has typically modeled the verbiage. Because of the change, it was determined that a conversation would need to take place to determine if our current language should be changed. The governance committee is recommending Abby Kelley Foster Charter adopt this language which is consistent with the DESE language for public comment and would state the following: “ *The Board welcomes public comment on matters within its purview. Accordingly, the Board makes available a maximum 30-minute period at its*



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*regular meetings for persons in the audience to address the Board for no longer than 3 minutes. Written material of any length may be submitted. Preference will be given to persons who seek to address the Board on specific agenda items for the upcoming Board meeting. Agendas for upcoming Board meetings are generally posted 5 days prior to the meeting on the Abby Kelley Foster Charter Public School website. Persons wishing to speak are strongly encouraged to submit their request before the day of the meeting; contact information is provided below. Preference will be given to those who submit requests by 5:00 p.m. on the Friday preceding the regular Wednesday meeting. If time permits, the Chair will allow members of the public who have not contacted the Board of Trustees in advance to speak in the public comment period; those individuals must sign in prior to the start of the meeting. The Chair may limit the number of speakers due to time constraints and may increase or reduce the time allocated per speaker. While there is no requirement to submit comments in writing, a speaker who elects to do so should submit 6 copies of their comments prior to or at the meeting for distribution to Board members. Requests to address the Board, written comments, and other inquiries may be transmitted by mail, e-mail, or telephone to: Abby Kelley Foster Charter School Attn: Naira Joseph, Administrative Assistant, 10 New Bond Street, Worcester, MA 01610, Phone: 508-854-8400 ext 3635. E-mail: [njoseph@akfcs.org](mailto:njoseph@akfcs.org). Please make any requests for special accommodations or interpretation services at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting.” It was also determined that this change did not need to be voted and the Board of Trustees members would be notified of the change.*



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### V. Review and Discussion of Proposals on Faculty Representation and/or Liason.

- a. The committee members continued discussing Faculty Representation on the Board of Trustees. Several propositions were discussed, such as having a liaison to serve a one-year term on the Board and rotating between the schools yearly. The differences between a Board member and Liason were discussed, and it was determined that this would be tabled for more discussion.

### VI. Adjournment at 2:45 p.m.

- a. Ms. Zagabe-Ndiku called for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Royce motioned to adjourn the meeting, and the Committee members voted unanimously to end the meeting at 2:00 p.m.