

**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
OF  
CATALYST ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL  
August 23, 2020  
Remotely via Zoom**

Trustee Attendees: Rachel Amankulor, Carey Harris, Erin Stilling, Tom Walenchok, George Childs, Gretchen Generett, Allison McCarthy

Other Attendees: Brian Smith, Darren Gray, Alan Shuckrow (Strassburger McKenna Gutnick & Gefsky)

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m.

The only item on the agenda was a discussion of the start of school given that the owner of our facility has recently indicated the facility will not be ready for occupancy by September 1. The owner has indicated it will be 2-3 extra weeks until it is ready and cleared for occupancy. Catalyst has have told the families that we are starting on September 1. The first option is to go virtual. But Catalyst could also utilize the former YMCA building at 120 South Whitfield Street which is currently vacant but up to code and owned by our landlord. They have offered for Catalyst to occupy that property for a few weeks while they finish the work on the Lemington property.

There was a robust discussion about the issues involving this situation. The Board agreed that conducting the first few weeks remotely made sense and that it may be possible to offer the ACE Hotel as a learning center as other non-profits such as the JCC have done for students to come and conduct their virtual learning. There are insurance and liability issues associated with this and Brian Smith will look into this and report back to the Board. We would also want to notify Pittsburgh Public Schools (Lisa Augustine) of Catalysts' plans in this regard.

Carey Harris made a motion, seconded by Gretchen Generett to go virtual for the first few weeks until the Lemington facility is ready and carried unanimously by the Board.

Brian Smith promised to keep the Board updated on the status of the potential learning center.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Alan T. Shuckrow, Counsel