



**MOTT HALL
CHARTER SCHOOL**
RISE TO THE CHALLENGE

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE

MOTT HALL CHARTER SCHOOL

May 6, 2014

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees (the “**Board**” or “**BoT**”) of the Mott Hall Charter School (the “**MHCS**”), was held at Mott Hall Charter School, Annex of 1260 Franklin Avenue between 168th and 169th Street, Bronx, NY 10459 on May 8, 2014 beginning at approximately 5:30 p.m. local time pursuant to notice duly given.

Attendance

The following Trustees were present at the meeting: **Patrick Awosogba, Sarah Calderon, Jesse Margolis, Charles Stern, Natalie Thompson and Francesca Weindling.**

The following school staff members participated in person: **Bob Lesser, Executive Director- MHCS.**

Brenda Bravo, Matthew Friedman and Peter Oroszlany were absent from the meeting.

No parent(s) attended this meeting.

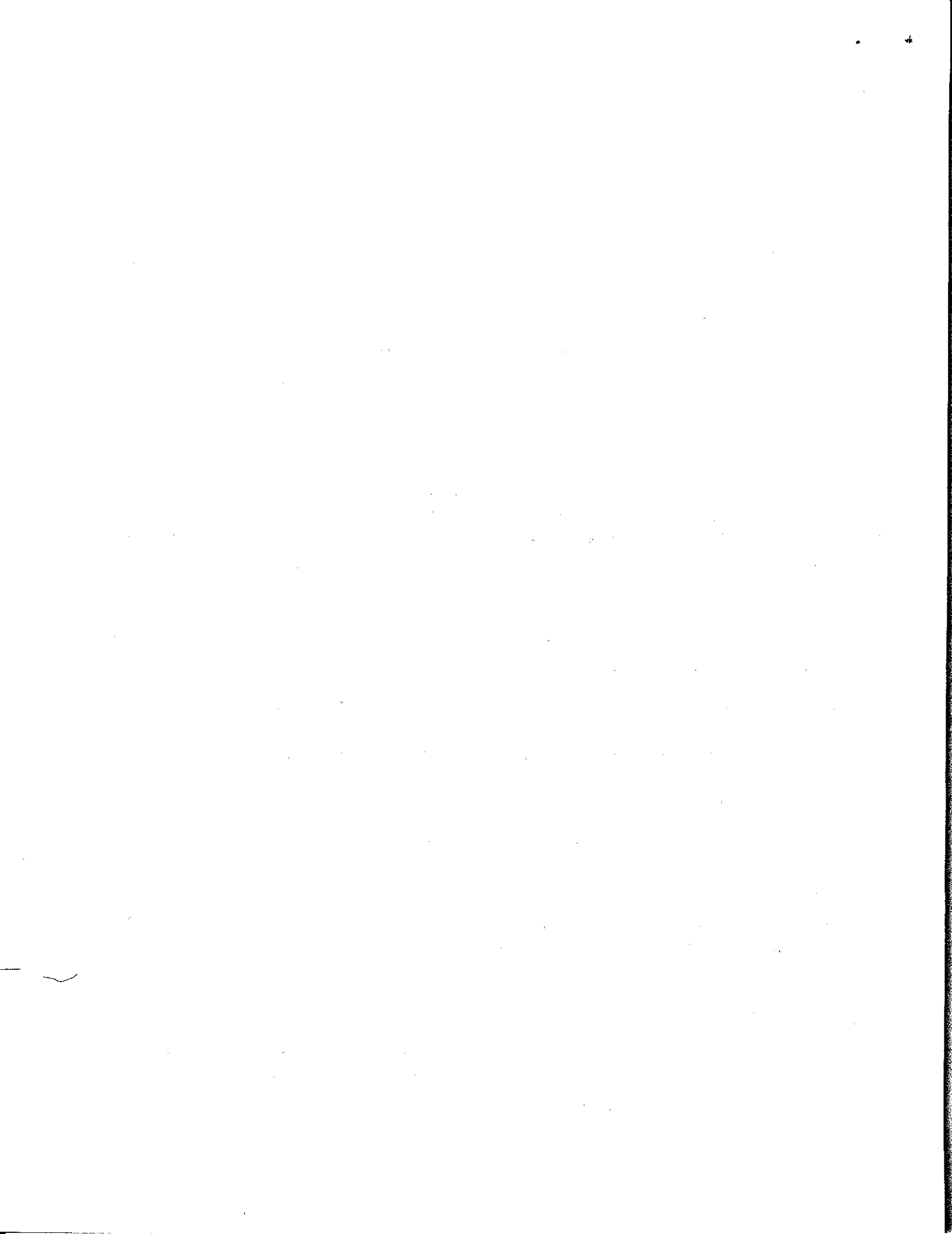
Sarah Calderon presided at this meeting and Natalie Thompson recorded the minutes as secretary.

Call to order and Public Comment

After noting that a quorum was present, the meeting was called to order. Ms. Calderon reviewed the agenda and opened the floor for public comment. No public comment was made.

Board Motions and Approvals

1. Acknowledgement of the Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes. Sarah Calderon made a motion to approve the April 1, 2014 meeting minutes. Motion was seconded by Charles Stern. They were reviewed and unanimously approved by the BoT.





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Executive Director Updates

Board Packet Review - Mr. Lesser briefly reviewed the contents of the Board Packet highlighted below. Packets were available prior to Board meeting.

Academic, High School Placement, and Enrichment Program

IB Candidate School Application approved.

7 informal observations and 1 formal observation were conducted in April.

45 students attended out of 68 invited for Spring Break Academy focusing on Mathematics remediation and acceleration.

Tennis program begin in May at Crotona Park.

Two students accepted into the US Naval Academy Summer STEM camp. One student accepted into Higher Achievement Program this summer at Fordham Prep.

Three rising 7th grade girls will attend the Girls Leadership Institute Summer camp at Mt. Holyoke.

10 of our rising 7th grade boys joined the Boys Club of NY, Gerry House, in East Harlem, 5 of whom will apply for a spot in the Independent School Placement program.

The MHCS dance team placed third in a NYC area competition.

Staffing

One staff member (7th grade Social Studies) resigned and we hired one math and one science teacher thus far.

We continue to work with On-Ramps as a potential firm to source candidates.

Accountability

Board member Jesse Margolis and DCIA Lydia Cordero are determining metric for student directed learning and the remaining metrics for MHCS Accountability System.

Operations, HR and Finance

Art/Science lab solution is being finalized for next year in consultation with DCIA, ED, and former Board member Xenia Cox. First draft of budget for next year has been developed. The Finance Committee to meet on May 12th. State Budget has been approved.





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Siting and Elected Official Engagement

Developer would like to extend building delivery date to July 2017.

Development

A team of five representing Mott Hall Charter participated in the May 4th Riverdale Run/Walk. Proceeds of approximately \$3,000 will go toward supporting summer enrichment for our students (Girls Leadership Institute Camp and STEM Camp at the US Naval Academy).

MHCS submitted \$600,000 grant to expand and enhance school counseling and social-emotional health programming.

We continue to work with Casita Maria to submit OST grant for after school enrichment.

We met with Hayden Foundation May 2nd to discuss grant opportunities and are assessing potential partnership with Amani Charter School for Teaching is the Core Assessment grant.

Board Recruitment

We are continuing to recruit new potential Board members. See attached attendance log

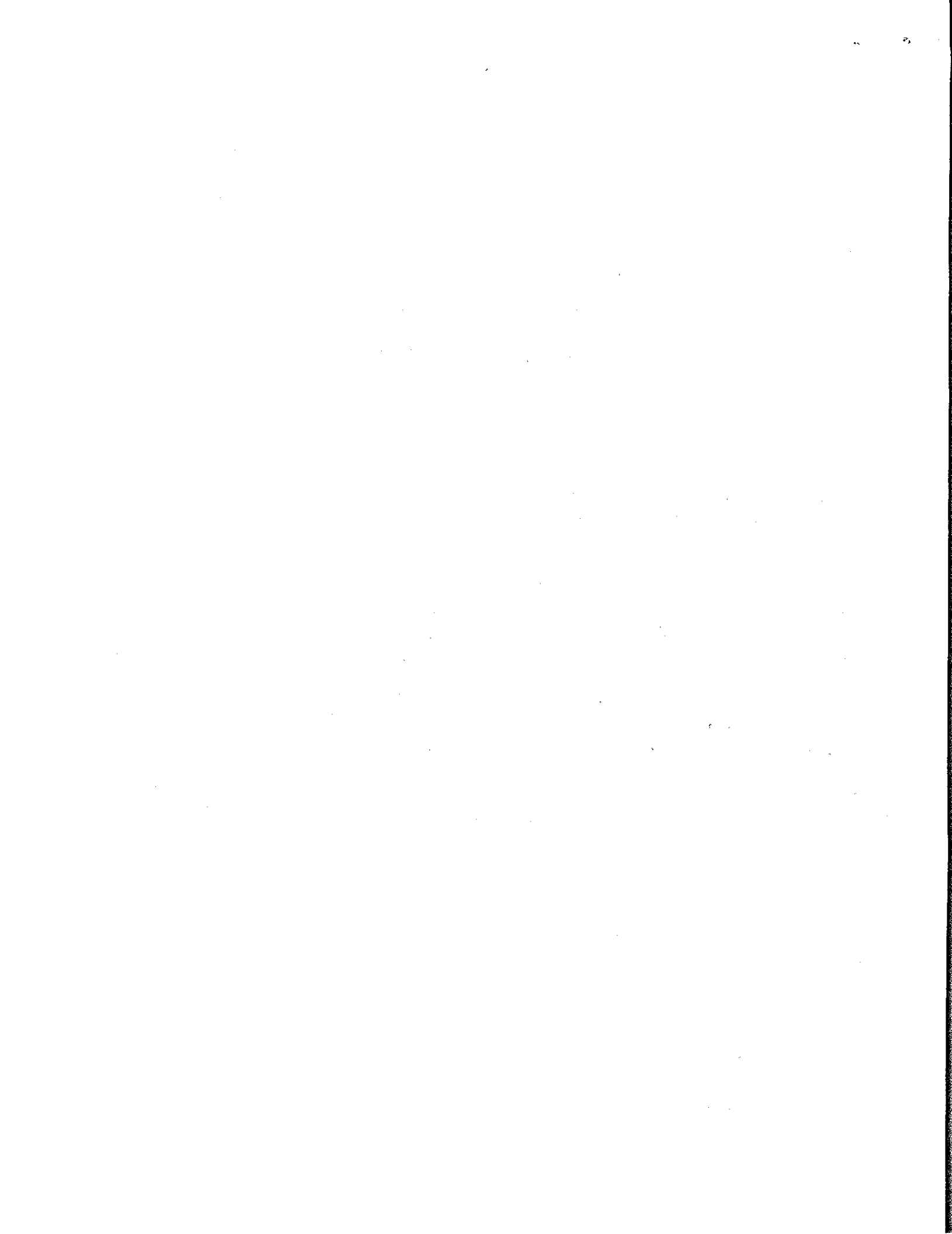
Committee/ Taskforce and other Updates

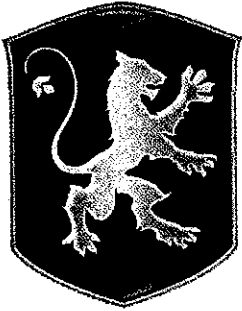
Academic Taskforce - no updates.

Development Taskforce - no updates.

Finance Committee - no updates.

Executive Committee - no updates.





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Forward Agenda

1. Report back on a more fulsome implementation framework and timeline for the Sanctuary Model that better reflect the alignment to other programs offered at MHCS.
2. Committee/Taskforce Updates
3. Board Packet Review

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Natalie Thompson
Secretary

APPROVED:

Sarah Calderon
Chair

CHARLES STERN
BOARD MEMBER

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