

YI HWANG ACADEMY OF LANGUAGE EXCELLENCE
Minutes of YHALE Governing Board Special Set Meeting on September 22, 2022.

A special set meeting of the Governing Board (the “Board”) of Yi Hwang Academy (the “School”) was held on September 22, 2022, at 6:30 pm at 1441 Dunwoody Village Parkway, Atlanta, GA 30338. The meeting began at approximately 6:42pm.

I. Attendance of Board Members

The following members of the Board were physically present: Liza Park
The following members of the Board were present via Zoom: Marissa Le, Emile Hanam, Ji Ma, Tamecha Buck

II. Welcome any members of public in attendance & take public comments

Dr. Yu
Susan George
Christina Ketmayura
Ami Hastings

No members of the public or public comments at this time

III. Consider and vote on acceptance of Title I funds to use for 2022-2023 year

Board received feedback and objections from PTO, parents, and YHALE community on the consideration of Title I funds

Paperwork, reporting, and monitoring for Title I funds in the amount of \$23,000.00 equates in an overwhelming amount of work and monitoring for administration and teaching staff

YHALE has been randomly selected for a federal audit. With the work Title I will require, it will be even more challenging to adhere to requirements.

Dr. Yu spoke to GaDOE representatives and was advised to forego the Title I funds this year because of the audit.

No guarantee of rollover for 2023

Need to implement parent engagement for Title 1 requirements in the school calendar, as well as other requirements to adhere to.

Dr. Yu requests Board to consider deferral this year.

Eligibility is determined by student body. If we defer, this does not mean we will be ineligible for future years.

Motion to move to defer Title I funds for the FY 2023 to FY 2024, and if not allowed, then we will not accept Title I funds FY 2023 made by Marissa Le Ji Ma seconded the Motion
No objections to approve the Motion
All in favor, seeing no opposition, Motion approved by unanimous vote.

City of Duluth denied special use permit today

Hearing is this Monday, September 26, 2022

Attorney Melody Gloutan advised that we ask for a continuance- will most likely be granted

Determining strategy at this time

Statute states that charter schools are not required to have a business license. We are a public school. The report constantly refers to YHALE as a “language school” but refers to us as a “public school” as well throughout the report. There is already a pattern in the area we are encompassing. There are two other schools in our area, and they have been granted permanent special use permits.

State statute trumps the local laws. The statute is clear. How much are we going to have to pay in legal fees to sort this out?

Strategy is to obtain experts – Greg Stevens, another charter school attorney, Avalon co-owner for the hearing. Prepare for potential civil rights legal representative, as well

IV. Public Comments – second opportunity

Ami- Does this impact the scheduled move for next year, if the city denies? Liza doesn't see how we can lose, legally. The detriment we will face is legal service fees. We are already in the building. There is a Stay until this can all be worked out, meaning everything stays as is until there is a resolution. If city denies, we will appeal, and the Stay is in effect. Building owners will most likely get involved since this will directly affect them as well.

V. Adjourn 7:40pm