



## FY22 Q2 Audit & Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

### **Date and Time**

Wednesday, November 10, 2021 at 9:00 AM

### **Location**

Virtual via Zoom

### **Committee Members Present**

A. Ramirez (remote), J. Butler (remote), J. De La Rosa (remote), J. Wilson (remote),  
T. Ratliff (remote)

### **Committee Members Absent**

L. Schlitz

### **Guests Present**

M. Nicksch (remote), M. Diaz (remote), M. Lefkow Sorensen (remote), K. Buchheit (remote),  
T. Morris (remote), J. Quaid (remote), C. Jones (remote), K. Omahen (remote),  
K. Klupchak (remote), P. Hughes (remote), B. Speck (remote), B. Buckley (remote),  
M. Davino (remote)

## **I. Opening Items**

### **A. Record Attendance**

### **B. Call the Meeting to Order**

J. Wilson called a meeting of the Audit & Finance Committee of Noble Network of Charter Schools to order on Wednesday, November 10, 2021 at 9:03 AM. J. Wilson welcomed Patrick Hughes and Brian Speck who will be voted in as members at the next meeting.

### **C. Approve Minutes from FY22 Q1 Committee Meeting**

J. Wilson made a motion to approve the minutes from the FY22 Q1 A&F Committee Meeting on 08-26-21. T. Ratliff seconded the motion. The committee **VOTED** to approve the motion without opposition.

## **II. Audit & Finance**

### **A. FY22 Results to 9-30-21**

A. Ramirez provided a brief overview of fiscal year to date performance, noting that the negative variance was mostly due to timing. Tracking closely to budget.

### **B. FY22 Revised Budget**

A. Ramirez gave an overview of a revised FY22 budget as external events rendered the original budget obsolete. He noted the main drivers affecting the updated figures and clarified that the larger deficit could be partially offset by additional federal COVID relief funds coming from CPS. T. Ratliff asked for clarification about line items relating to safety expenses. J. de la Rosa asked about engaging community-based organizations to address security needs, and CJ mentioned Noble's partnership with UCAN for intervention and trauma supports.

### **C. FY21 Audit Report**

ORBA auditors presented Noble's FY21 audited financials and noted that functional expense ratios exceed industry standards. They shared one CPS compliance finding related to attendance tracking and reporting, which is attributed to moving from remote and in-person learning and is being addressed by management. J. Wilson asked about the prevalence of such findings and ORBA explained that they audit dozens of programs during the audit process for each charter network and more than one finding is not uncommon. The committee did not have any further questions for the auditors, who then left the call.

### **D. Status of Investments**

JPMorgan presented an overview of Noble's investment allocations and performance year to date. They noted that Noble's position is conservative compared to other educational institutions. The Committee discussed whether to adjust the investment allocation and determined not to make any changes at this time. J. Wilson asked JPM for a breakdown of fees, which should be provided in future presentations. The committee had no further questions.

## **III. Other Items**

A. T. Ratliff motioned to accept the FY21 audit, and to recommend adoption of the revised FY22 budget to the full Board. J. de la Rosa seconded these motions, which passed without opposition.

## **IV. Adjourn Meeting**

### **A. Meeting adjourns**

There being no further business to be transacted, the meeting was adjourned at 10:12 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
T. Morris