



# American Dream Charter School

## Minutes

### ADCS Board of Trustees Monthly Meeting

SY24-25

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#### Date and Time

Monday February 17, 2025 at 5:30 PM

#### Location

403 Concord Avenue  
Bronx, NY 10454

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#### Trustees Present

A. Cabrera (remote), L. Rojas (remote), P. Simon (remote), R. Espinal (remote)

#### Trustees Absent

Z. Martinez

#### Guests Present

M. Melkonian (remote), N. Gallagher (remote), S. Espinal (remote)

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### I. Opening Items

#### A. Record Attendance

#### B. Call the Meeting to Order

L. Rojas called a meeting of the board of trustees of American Dream Charter School to order on Monday Feb 17, 2025 at 5:37 PM.

### **C. Approve Minutes**

L. Rojas made a motion to approve the minutes from ADCS Board of Trustees Monthly Meeting on 01-13-25.

P. Simon seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

## **II. Educational Success**

### **A. Benchmark 1: Student Performance**

- We are struggling with the regents data. We are having leadership zoom in and focus on test prep. -MM
  - We will update on next steps and a corrective action plan.
- What are the subjects with the lower scores? -LMR
  - Math and Science are the subjects whose scores are on the lower end. Teachers need more support. -MM

### **B. Benchmark 2: Teaching and Learning**

- The teaching candidates are not as strong as in past years. We want to start the recruitment process sooner for next school year. -MM
- We are feeling the teaching shortage across the board. -LMR

### **C. BENCHMARK 3: Culture, Climate, and Student and Family Engagement**

## **III. Organizational Soundness**

### **A. BENCHMARK 4: Financial Condition**

- **Account balances**
  - **Account balances given by NG.**

### **B. BENCHMARK 5: Financial Management**

- New Chase bank account update:
  - We ran the first payroll from our new Chase account and everything went well.
  - Financial reports from Financial Solutions NY given by NG.

### **C. BENCHMARK 6: Board Oversight and Governance:**

- **Term Renewal for Board Member Angelo Cabrera.**

- **AC has agreed to one more year term as an American Dream School Board Member.**

L. Rojas made a motion to To approve Angelo Cabrera's 1-year term for the board.

P. Simon seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

**D. BENCHMARK 7: Organizational Capacity**

**IV. Faithfulness to Charter & Law**

**A. BENCHMARK 8: Mission and Key Design Elements**

**B. BENCHMARK 9: Enrollment, Recruitment, and Retention**

**Projected Enrollment update for SY24-25**

- 6th grade - 88
- 7th grade - 87
- 8th grade - 87
- 9th grade - 96
- 10th grade - 97
- 11th grade - 80
- 12th grade - 65
- total projected enrollment: 600 students

**C. BENCHMARK 10: Legal Compliance**

**V. Other Business**

**A. Conversation with NYC DOE to possibly get more space for MS**

- Conversation with NYC DOE to possibly get more space for MS
  - We will most likely get two more classrooms at the MS. We are still discussing with Dr. Green.

**VI. Closing Items**

**A. Adjourn Meeting**

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 6:03 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
L. Rojas