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## Amani Public Charter School

### Minutes

#### Amani Board Meeting

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##### **Date and Time**

Monday November 18, 2024 at 6:00 PM

##### **Location**

Hybrid

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##### **Directors Present**

A. Spencer (remote), G. Sardi, J. Kuo (remote), L. Attis (remote), M. Smith, P. Morenberg (remote), S. Edwards (remote), S. WuDunn (remote)

##### **Directors Absent**

*None*

##### **Ex Officio Members Present**

D. Marshall (remote), D. Stern

##### **Non Voting Members Present**

D. Marshall (remote), D. Stern

##### **Guests Present**

C. Stern, Candace Gomez (remote), K. Johnson (remote), Kirsten Barclay (remote), N. Thurman

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#### **I. Opening Items**

**A.**

## **Record Attendance**

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

M. Smith called a meeting of the board of directors of Amani Public Charter School to order on Monday Nov 18, 2024 at 6:00 PM.

### **C. Approve Minutes**

J. Kuo made a motion to approve the minutes from October 21, 2024 Amani Board Meeting on 10-21-24.

A. Spencer seconded the motion.

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

### **D. Chair Update**

The Board chair provided an update of Amani new board membership and possible expansion of board.

Additionally, the chair provided an update of Amani's upcoming community events.

### **E. Committee Updates**

Education accountability committee chair gave an overview of the most recent meeting including goals and mission statement and activities to support developing critical thinking skills for the students. For Amani Elementary and the whole school, four C's was emphasized: critical thinkig, communication, collaboration, and creativity.

Fundraising committee update - focus will be on a Spring Gala and not a fall event.

However, Amani is hosting a 'Sip and Paint' event at a local lounge this coming Friday. Finance Committee chair noted they held a meeting and got an update on where things stood re: financing.

The committee recommended the board approve two resolutions:

1. terminate Amani's relationship with Valley Bank and
2. open a new relationship with PCSB for insured cash accounts.

The board made a motion to terminate the relationship with Valley Bank and it was seconded and approved unanimously. The board made a second motion to open a relationship with PCSB Bank. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved by the board.

### **F. Finance Report**

The finance report update was presented by K. Johnson and reviewed by the board.

#### **G. Candace and Dave Presentation - Governance**

Candace and Kirsten provided a presentation on board member training, governance, roles and responsibilities.

The board made a motion to move to executive session which was seconded and approved unanimously.

#### **H. Fundraising Event**

The executive director and board discussed the fundraising event for next Spring. The First Planning Meeting is to be held on Friday November 22 at 10am

#### **I. Expansion**

Due to time restraints, this topic was tabled for the next board meeting.

### **II. 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 8:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
S. WuDunn