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# Amani Public Charter School

# Minutes

## Amani Board Meeting

**Date and Time**
Monday April 21, 2025 at 6:00 PM

**Location**
Hybrid

**Directors Present**
A. Spencer, G. Sardi, J. Kuo (remote), M. Smith, P. Morenberg, S. Edwards (remote), S. WuDunn (remote)

**Directors Absent**
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**Guests Present**
B. Tanner, Colleen Fraser, J. Ciavirella, Jessica Chacon, Kareem Wigfall, Mura Octelene (remote), N. Thurman, Novelette Peterkin, S. Charioui (remote), Sharon Pyrtle, Talon Hairston, candace gomez (remote), harvey zuckerman (remote), marina distant-williams (remote), ms. wharton (remote)

### 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 Apr 21, 2025 at 6:21 PM.

### C. Approve Minutes

Minutes from March's board meeting will be approved at the next board meeting in May.

## II. Finance

### A. FInancial Report

S. Charioui provided the financial update, saying there was a revenue shortfall due to enrollment and that adjustments also were made. The March cabaret brought approx. $11,000 in revenue to help offset expenses. There was savings in insurance, she said, while tech repair expenses increased.

As for March, she noted that Amani was on trend and would have sufficient cashflows through the end of the year.

## III. School Report

### A. Budget Process

D. Stern stated that Amani was currently very focused on enrollment, which looked very promising as well as for K and 1st grades. She added that Spring was all about building community, from K to 1. The school would host a Carnival Strawberry festival and family cookout...

D. Stern also explained that she was trying to make the budget process more transparent and she has asked her department heads to bring this up at the next May staff meeting.

### B. School Report

J. Ciavarella provided a school report update and noted that across the board, given all the community building activities at school, there had been a noticeable reduction in behavorial events.

Spirit week was held from April 7 to 11, which included "Dress as a Teacher," in which teachers and students dressed alike...and it concluded with a read-a-thon which raised $1780.

Academic program updates - all grades participated in science projects and each grade would have science growth asessments.

She was excited to announce a new partnership with the Great Oaks Foundation in which teaching fellows would tutor students in ELA and/or math areas.  Begining late summer,

three SUNY teaching fellows would begin to provide small group instruction at Amani for a total of 300 hours or 10 hrs/week.

## IV. NY State Comptroller's Audit

### A. Findings, Recommendations, Necessary Actions

J. Kuo provided an update on the NY State Comptroller's Audit report which is expected to come out on Wednesday. He noted that many of the findings are areas that we'd like Amani to improve upon, such as tightening up the procurement process.

J. Kuo suggested that we improve our processes and raise them to a higher professional level.

## V. Governance

### A. New Board Members

P. Morenberg made a motion to move to executive session. It was seconded by A. Spencer.

Once out of executive session, it was noted that new board members K. Wigfall and J. Chacon would begin their term in May.
M. Smith noted the board would look for a June retreat.

## 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 8:18 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
S. WuDunn