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Amani Public Charter School

Minutes

Amani Board Meeting

Date and Time
Monday May 12, 2025 at 6:00 PM

Location
Hybrid

Directors Present
G. Sardi, J. Kuo (remote), L. Attis (remote), M. Smith, P. Morenberg (remote), S. WuDunn (remote)

Directors Absent
A. Spencer, S. Edwards

Ex Officio Members Present
D. Marshall (remote)

Guests Present
B. Tanner, J. Ciavirella, S. Charioui (remote), candace gomez (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 May 12, 2025 at 6:07 PM.

C. Approve Minutes

S. WuDunn made a motion to approve the minutes from Amani Board Meeting on 03-10-25.
G. Sardi seconded the motion.
Both March and April board meeting minutes were approved.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.
S. WuDunn made a motion to approve the minutes from Amani Board Meeting on 04-21-25.
G. Sardi seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

II. Chair Report

A. Expansion Approval

M. Smith was very pleased to reiterate that The Amani Public Charter School received approval from the Board of Regents on May 4, 2025 for its expansion project. Although it took a long time, he said the board was very glad that Amani had been given the greenlight.

He also noted that the board would need to select dates for the annual board retreat, possibly to be held in late June or early July.

III. School Report

A. Expansion Implementation and Upcoming Events

D. Stern provided an overview of the expansion implementation plan for the coming months, including facility preparation, staff and curriculum plans and student enrollment.

She also highlighted upcoming school and community events planned for May and June, such as the Strawberry Festival, Open House & Tours and the Amani Family Cookout.

B. New Board Members

D. Stern announced and wecolmed two new members to the Amani board. Kareem Wigfall and Jessica Chacon.

G. Sardi made a motion to Approve the new board members.
S. WuDunn seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

IV. Educational Accountability

A. Summer Program & Americorp Support

J. Ciavirella provided an update on the Amani summer program in which at least four students from Americorp would provide one-on-one tutoring to Amani students during the summer. She she said the program would begin June 30 and run through August 7, noting that for some Amani students, these tutoring sessions would be mandatory and were designed to cover learning gaps.

Another two Americorp students would continue into the fall, focusing on small group instruction and sustainability.

B. K/1 Expansion

The principal also provided a brief overview of the elementary school curriculum, instruction and assessment. From Illustrative Math to Fundations to LLI Reading Intervention and F and P...

She also noted there would be special ed for K/1 and reading intervention support for elementary grades. The Go Foundation would also be involved in the upcoming fall program.

V. Finance

A. Update

S. Charioui provided the March financial update. She said she was working with D. Stern to transfer data to the 2026 budget, She said although cashflow was in a good situation, the school was still operating with a budget deficit, a deficit stemming from bills from previous years.
It was noted that CSBM was working with D. Stern on the budget until the new finance director came on board on June 2. The current finance director would be leaving at the end of May.

The finance committee reviewed the state controller's audit and asked for full board committee to approve the review.
G. Sardi made a motion to approve the finance committee review of the state controller's audit.
S. WuDunn seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

VI. Fundraising

A. Update

P. Morenberg said the fundraising committee's goal for the fall gala centered on 1) celebrating 15 years of Amani and its expansion; and 2) significant unrestricted fundraising to help grow and expand the school.

He said they evaluated 15 places, held 6 site visits and expected to raise a low six figure amount with a paddle raise and silent auction. He outlined how the gala would work and how the board and Amani could achieve its goals.

VII. Capital Planning

A. Expansion & Personnel

S. WuDunn made a motion to move to executive session.
G. Sardi seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

VIII. 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 8:12 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
S. WuDunn