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Amani Public Charter School

Minutes

Amani Board Meeting

Date and Time
Monday July 14, 2025 at 6:00 PM

Location
Debra's Office

Directors Present
A. Spencer, G. Sardi, J. Chacon (remote), J. Kuo (remote), K. Wigfall, M. Smith, P. Morenberg (remote), S. WuDunn (remote)

Directors Absent
S. Edwards

Ex Officio Members Present
D. Stern

Guests Present
B. Tanner, C. Stern, Candace Gomez (remote), Gene Barnasky (remote), J. Ciavirella, Lindsay Crocker (remote), T. Cajoux

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 Jul 14, 2025 at 6:09 PM.

C. Approve Minutes

J. Kuo made a motion to approve the minutes from Amani Board Meeting on 06-09-25. The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

II. Chair Report

A. Board chair M. Smith announced the board retreat would be held August 25, 2025.

He also informed that board that former board president S. Edwards and board member L. Attis have both stepped down from the board.

III. Financial Report - Tamur

A. May Financial Report

T. Cajoux provided an update on the school's YTD through May 31, 2025 and projected FYE June 30, 2025.

IV. Executive Director Report

A. Elementary School Expansion

D. Stern said plans for the upcoming fall elementary school expansion were well underway. Enrollment outreach through social media campaigns and in person summer events were taking place. Ongoing efforts would continue throughout the school year.

B. Grants Update

D. Stern provided an update on numerous grants and application deadlines upcoming for Amani, including: CSP Expansion Grant, Renewal Application, Yass Prize, Mount Vernon Arts Initiative

She noted other grants would be pursued including those for afterschool programs, technology expenses and sports equipment.

V. Fundraising

A. Amani Gala on November 14, 2025

Fundraising committee chair P. Morenberg said the gala would be an elegant evening to celebrate Amani's past achievements and would help secure the school's future success through fundraising.

He explained fundraising would occur through different levels of corporate sponsorship (platinum, gold, silver and bronze) but also through a paddle raise with high value auction items and dinner ticket sales.

He called upon the board to fill or sponsor a table, solicit sponsors within each member's network and promote the event using social media and personal outreach.

VI. Policy Matters

A. 25-26 District Wide Safety Plan

B. Tanner explained that the 2025-26 District-Wide Safety Plan required that each district public school and each charter school system in New York State must develop and adopt a plan for 2025-26 academic year.

The purpose is for schools in the district to develop an uniform set of policies, procedures, protocols and training needed to ensure safety.

An example of a Distraction-Free Policy, he said, was having students turn off cell phones before entering the classroom.

VII. 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 7:48 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
S. WuDunn