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Amani Public Charter School

Minutes

Amani Board Meeting

Date and Time
Monday March 9, 2026 at 6:00 PM

Location
Amani Public Charter School
Third Floor Conference Room

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

Directors Absent
J. Kuo, K. Wigfall

Ex Officio Members Present
D. Marshall (remote), D. Stern

Guests Present
Alex Weis (remote), C. Stern, J. Ciavirella, Ryan Daniusis (remote), Stephen Mayo, 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 Mar 9, 2026 at 6:08 PM.

C. Approve Minutes

G. Sardi made a motion to approve the minutes from Amani Board Meeting on 02-09-26.
S. WuDunn seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

D. Chairs Opening Remarks

M. Smith spoke briefly about attending Bruce's farewell and shared reflections on the occasion.

He also noted that the recent open house was very successful, with nearly 90 attendees.

II. Matter Real Estate

A. Executive Session

G. Sardi made a motion to move into executive session to discuss real estate and capital planning matters. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

The board later returned to open session.

III. Finance

A. Amani Public Charter School Budget vs. Actuals: Projection (6+6) - FY26 P&L July 2025 - June 2026

T. Cajoux presented the finance report.

Key updates included:

- an operating deficit of approximately $140,000,
- enrollment as the largest driver of the deficit,
- higher-than-expected facilities and utility costs, and
- the unplanned ongoing cost of a full-time nurse.

Leadership also shared that:

- staffing reductions had recently been made,
- nonessential program costs are being reviewed, and
- spending is being closely evaluated line by line.

The board discussed the impact of these measures on operations and future borrowing. Leadership emphasized that instruction and student safety remain top priorities. Work is also underway on the budget for next year, and a draft will be shared with the board.

IV. Educational Accountability

A. Instruction Report

The board received an educational accountability update focused on school programming, student experience, and community engagement.

Discussion included:

- the strong turnout and positive response to the recent open house,
- continued efforts to highlight student programming and school strengths to families and the broader community,
- the importance of maintaining instructional quality while managing budget pressures, and
- ongoing planning to support students effectively through the remainder of the school year.

The board discussed the need to balance financial realities with the school's educational mission and student needs.

V. Fundraising Committee

A. Fundraiser Ideas

P. Morenberg reported on the committee's recent meeting and upcoming fundraising plans.

Discussion included:

- smaller fundraising events following the gala,
- a possible student mural project with Lady Pink,
- a potential small event in New York City, and
- a possible golf outing in Westchester.

G. Sardi expressed interest in supporting the Lady Pink initiative.

VI. Closing Items

A. General Updates

M. Smith shared that David Marshall will be moving on to a new legal leadership role. The board expressed appreciation for his service and support to Amani.

B. Adjourn Meeting

G. Sardi made a motion to adjourn the meeting. A. Spencer seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.
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