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## Inwood Academy for Leadership Charter School

### Minutes

#### February Board of Trustees Meeting

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**Date and Time**

Tuesday February 13, 2024 at 7:00 PM

**Location**

Meeting was held remotely due to inclement weather. Addresses were posted prior to the meeting.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://ialcs-org.zoom.us/j/99555749600?pwd=QVlhTUFLYWtnTTIvc242NIRteGNoZz09>

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Remote locations of board members were noticed properly as locations the public could join the meeting

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**Trustees Present**

B. Wilson (remote), J. Almonte (remote), J. Looney (remote), J. Patrick (remote), K. Drezner (remote), K. Mangual (remote), K. Smith (remote), M. Rosenthal (remote), R. Khamis (remote), S. Mlynar (remote), V. Singh (remote)

**Trustees Absent**

C. Talero, S. Santo

**Guests Present**

B. Mercedes (remote), C. Reyes (remote), H. Pina (remote), J. Pichardo (remote), N. Polanco (remote), R. Schwanbeck (remote), S. Smith (remote)

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## I. Opening Items

### A. Record Attendance

### B. Call the Meeting to Order

M. Rosenthal called a meeting of the board of trustees of Inwood Academy for Leadership Charter School to order on Tuesday Feb 13, 2024 at 7:05 PM.

### C. Approve Minutes

K. Mangual made a motion to approve the minutes from January Board of Trustees Meeting on 01-16-24.

K. Smith seconded the motion.

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

## II. Board Committee Reports

### A. CCS Presentation

Simone Smith, Director of College & Career Success ("CCS"), presented the CCS report:

CCS counsels with a tiered approach in order to cater to the diverse needs of the student body.

- So far, CCS has had 1,600 meetings which has helped tremendously support the academic success of many students.
- CCS also has many programming events throughout the year; so far,
  - 12 college representative visits
  - 2 college application night
  - 2 college trips
  - 3 Parent workshops
  - Alumni Week

College Applications:

- Over 1,400 applications submitted
- More than 301 acceptances so far; not including CUNY
- 4.8 Million in scholarships

Financial Aid:

- Applications opened 2 months late this year; opened in December
  - Information on funds, aid packages, and further details will be released by March

- Nationwide delay due to many changes the financial aid applications are undergoing

#### New Partnership:

- CARA partnership
  - Helping with maintaining a uniform curriculum for the college and career readiness class
    - This curriculum is aimed at establishing an infrastructure that fosters a supportive culture of post secondary access.
    - Their primary goal is to equip first generation college students, low-income, and students of color with all the tools to succeed
    - This curriculum provides training and professional development for staff on navigating the post-secondary world and addressing challenges faced by first generation college college students.

#### Spring event lineup:

- Parent workshops; in conjunction with Cara
  - They assisted CCS with coming up with a parent series
    - 4 will be held throughout the year
- 5 college tours
- I Decided Day

Hazel Torres, Alumni Manager, presented the following:

#### Alumni Week:

- Alumni come back to IAL
  - Teachers get to see their students again
    - Catch up on life and academic goals/progression

#### College Fair:

- Total success this year
  - Multiple colleges/universities and 12 different organizations were able to share about college support

#### College and Career Enrollment for Class of 2023:

- 73.7% of this cohort are enrolled in a 2-yr or 4 yr college
- 3 students have enrolled into the Military
- 4 students have enrolled into trade school

## **B. Facilities and Finance Report**

#### Lottery:

- IAL has been targeting the Inwood neighborhood, neighboring neighborhoods, Fordham area, and Kingsbridge for students and families.
- 128 ELL applications; 32% of the total applications received

### **III. 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 8:11 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
M. Rosenthal