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Inwood Academy for Leadership Charter School

Minutes

August Board of Trustees Meeting

Date and Time
Tuesday August 19, 2025 at 7:00 PM

All board addresses were posted 48 hours in advance of the meeting.

Trustees Present
J. Almonte (remote), J. Looney (remote), K. Drezner (remote), K. Smith (remote), V. Singh (remote)

Trustees Absent
C. Talero, K. Mangual, M. Rosenthal, R. Khamis, S. Mlynar, S. Santo

Guests Present
B. Mercedes (remote), C. Reyes (remote), J. Pichardo (remote), N. Polanco (remote)

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

J. Almonte called a meeting of the board of trustees of Inwood Academy for Leadership Charter School to order on Tuesday Aug 19, 2025 at 7:09 PM.

C.

Approve Minutes

J. Looney made a motion to approve the minutes from July Board of Trustees Meeting on 07-29-25.
K. Drezner seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

II. Board Committee Reports

A. Academic Committee Updates

C. Reyes and B. Mercedes presented the following to the Board:

- **Academics:** Strong SY25–26 launch with new leadership roles, early student/family engagement, and aligned systems. Coaches enrolled in skill-building courses to strengthen instructional capacity.
- **College & Career Success:** $18M in scholarships awarded; standout achievements include full rides to Cornell & Fordham, early graduation, and strong community service. Focus on smooth senior transitions and alumni outreach.
- **Student & Community Engagement:** “Leader in Me” program launched to build leadership and responsibility. Early placement testing identified intervention needs before Day 1.

B. Finance and Facilities Committee Updates

J. Pichardo presented the following to the Board:

- **Staff & Operations:** New teacher/apprentice training completed; handbooks, PD, curriculum, and systems finalized. Operational readiness solid with updated IEP calendars, arrival/dismissal, and curriculum resources.
- **Buildings & Finance:** Phase I nearly complete (Sept. 12 target). Phase II discussions start in late September. Elementary and Leadership Hall sites outfitted with new furniture and repairs. Enrollment and budget impact under review.

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 7:47 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
J. Almonte