APPROVED

Inwood Academy for Leadership Charter School

Minutes

October Board of Trustees Meeting

Date and Time
Tuesday October 20, 2026 at 7:00 PM

Location
433 West 204th Street, New York, NY 10034

Trustees Present
C. Reyes, J. Almonte (remote), J. Looney (remote), J. Zucker (remote), K. Drezner (remote), M. Rosenthal (remote), V. Singh (remote)

Trustees Absent
C. Talero, S. Santo

Guests Present
Anne Greenberg, B. Mercedes, J. Pichardo, Richard Levine, Wendy Garcia

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 Oct 20, 2026 at 7:11 PM.

C. Approval of Minutes and Agenda

J. Zucker made a motion to approve the minutes from September Board of Trustees Meeting on 09-15-26.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

II. Board Committee Reports

A. Board Candidate Interview (C.Reyes and M. Rosenthal)

A. Anna Greenberg
A. Greenberg introduced herself and discussed her experience in finance, strategic planning, budgeting, enrollment, and higher education.
B. Wendy Garcia
W. Garcia shared her connections to the Washington Heights community and her experience in government, workforce development, operations, and community engagement.

B. Fundraising Kick-Off (C.Reyes)

A. Student Leadership and Community Engagement
C. Reyes highlighted the Peer Group Connection program, student event staff, and student leadership during the Roots and Recipes celebration. The school will present its 2026–2027 goals and a Family and Community Engagement report at upcoming meetings.
B. Washington, D.C. Fundraising Campaign
The school launched a fundraising campaign with a goal of raising $10,000 to help sponsor eighth-grade students attending the Washington, D.C. trip. Additional information will be shared with trustees.

C. Academic Committee Report

A. Regents Results
B. Mercedes presented the 2025–2026 Regents results. Results improved overall, including gains in English and several High School Regents subjects, while eighth-grade Algebra I remains an area of focus.
B. Student Performance Analysis
The Board discussed the impact of student academic profiles, teacher transitions, enrollment mobility, and repeat test-takers on Regents outcomes. The school is developing longitudinal data to compare the performance and growth of continuing and newly enrolled students.

D. Finance and Facilities Report

A. Enrollment Report
J. Pichardo reported active enrollment of 905 students, with three pending registrations expected to increase enrollment to 908. Elementary School enrollment increased by 65%, and continued backfilling helped the school avoid potential revenue loss.
B. Student Retention

The administration is strengthening retention efforts, particularly for eighth-grade students transitioning into the High School. Approximately 30 families have already indicated that their students intend to remain at Inwood Academy for ninth grade.
C. Finance Update
J. Pichardo presented a brief budget-to-actual financial overview. The school continues to monitor enrollment, revenue, and expenses closely.

E. Executive Session (M. Rosethal)

A. Executive Session
The Board entered executive session at 8:41 P.M. to discuss the prospective appointment of two new trustees and then returned to the public meeting 8:53 P.M.
M. Rosenthal made a motion to to appoint W. Garcia to the Board of Trustees.
J. Zucker seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.
M. Rosenthal made a motion to to appoint A. Greenberg to the Board of Trustees.
J. Zucker seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

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 8:55 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
M. Rosenthal