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Inwood Academy for Leadership Charter School

Minutes

November Board of Trustees Meeting

Date and Time
Tuesday November 17, 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), S. Santo (remote)

Trustees Absent
C. Talero, V. Singh

Guests Present
B. Mercedes, J. Pichardo

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 Nov 17, 2026 at 7:05 PM.

C. Approval of Minutes and Agenda

J. Looney made a motion to approve the minutes from October Board of Trustees Meeting on 10-20-26.
J. Zucker seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

II. Board Committee Reports

A. Schoolwide Updates/Fundraising

II. School Updates

A. Student Activities and Athletics
C.Reyes highlighted the school's fall athletic teams, including the Middle School boys' flag football championship, and the launch of Elementary School basketball and cheerleading. The Board also received an update on the K–12 pep rally and upcoming Parent-Teacher Conferences.

B. College and Career Readiness
C.Reyes discussed the delay of proposed Regents changes until 2030 and the school's continued focus on Regents preparation, SAT support, dual enrollment, internships, Modern States, and other college and career opportunities.

C. Washington, D.C. Fundraising Campaign
C.Reyes reported raising approximately $2,615 toward its $10,000 goal to help sponsor eighth-grade students attending the Washington, D.C. trip. Trustees were encouraged to continue sharing the campaign with their networks.

B. 26-27 SY Schoolwide Goals

A. Student Outcomes
B. Mercedes presented goals to increase K–12 attendance to 92%, reduce chronic absenteeism to 22% or below, and improve proficiency in ELA (51% K-8), mathematics (55% K-7) , and (53% 8-12) Regents examinations. The school also aims to have 84% of High School students on track with required credits and Regents examinations.

B. Finance and Enrollment Goals
J. Pichardo presented goals to increase school reserves by $500,000, ensure at least 25% of lottery applications are from English language learners, and reach 960 students by October 2027. Enrollment growth strategies include expanding third and fourth grades to two cohorts and continuing High School recruitment and retention efforts.

C. Executive Committee

M. Rosenthal made a motion to appoint A. Greenberg as Treasurer of the Board of Trustees.

S. Santo seconded the motion.
The Board thanked J. Zucker for serving as Interim Treasurer.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

D. Finance and Facilities Report

J. Pichardo reported current enrollment of 904 students compared with the budgeted goal of 909. Since July, the school enrolled 242 students and recorded 142 transfers, and enrollment will continue to be monitored closely through the monthly Board dashboard.

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 8:39 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
M. Rosenthal