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# Bedford Stuyvesant New Beginnings Charter Schools

## Minutes

### Monthly Board Meeting

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#### Date and Time

Tuesday November 17, 2020 at 6:00 PM

#### Location

82 Lewis Avenue,  
Brooklyn NY 11206

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#### Trustees Present

Cecelia Russo, Doris Givens, Joseph Sciamé, Leticia Theodore-Greene (remote), Patricia Bramwell, Tamikka Pate, Tyler McConnell (remote), Victor Rivera

#### Trustees Absent

Kevin Nesbitt

#### Trustees who arrived after the meeting opened

Leticia Theodore-Greene

#### Ex Officio Members Present

Nicholas Tishuk

#### Non Voting Members Present

Nicholas Tishuk

#### Guests Present

Lisa-Renée Brown

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## **I. Opening Items**

### **A. Record Attendance and Guests**

### **B. Call the Meeting to Order**

Victor Rivera called a meeting of the board of trustees of Bedford Stuyvesant New Beginnings Charter Schools to order on Tuesday Nov 17, 2020 at 6:08 PM.

### **C. Review of the minutes**

Joseph Sciamme made a motion to approve the minutes from Monthly Board Meeting on 10-20-20.

Cecelia Russo seconded the motion.

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

#### **Roll Call**

Victor Rivera	Aye
Cecelia Russo	Aye
Kevin Nesbitt	Absent
Doris Givens	Aye
Patricia Bramwell	Aye
Tyler McConnell	Absent
Joseph Sciamme	Aye

## **II. Academic and Family Life Committee**

### **A. Committee Update**

Chair Cecelia Russo reviewed highlights of academic reports, as attached.. No discussion.

## **III. Governance Committee**

### **A. Committee Update**

A draft of committee goals will be listed on BOT. Getting legitimately interested individuals interested in Board trustee appointments during the COVID-19 will be a challenge.

## **IV. Finance Committee**

### **A. Committee Update**

Cleaning costs have risen. \$30K per month. We have \$12,000 worth of masks but do not know how long this supply is going to last. We've set aside \$300K. As far as the PPE funds are concerned, we are expecting all the funds to be reimbursable.

## **V. Development**

### **A. Committee's Update**

We are looking into launching online platforms for peer fundraising. Use peer-to-peer virtual fundraiser. Add more language to the collateral materials. Amazon Smile charitable giving option maybe something that we should look into. Bed Stuy New Beginnings and Friends of BSNBCS is listed as a charitable organization. Share that as option for donors. Created a page with the URL and a number of ways for people to donate money. Encourage everyone to use Amazon Smile. We have a PayPal link that will allow for donors to make a monetary contribution. Joe will joining Tamikka on the next Development call.

Leticia Theodore-Greene arrived.

## **VI. New and Old Business**

### **A. New Business**

Applause and sincere gratitude to ED and staff for all they do and continue to keep things going at the school. Many thanks to ED for all the timely updates.

ED Nicholas Tishuk shared that the biggest surprise is that we successfully pulled off our opening relative to our original plan.. With a few exceptions our health and safety plan was executed without much change. The biggest challenge that we did not foresee were the external challenges. Parents received misinformation and we had to do everything we could to counter conflicting messages they received from external sources. We will close the school per the 3% per the city's directive. This is a proactive event. Schools may close on Thursday or Friday of this week. We cannot maintain our operation at a 75/25 split between mobile and in person.

We will close the day after the Mayor makes the call. Assuming that we will be closed for two-three weeks. My sense is that we may be closed until after the holidays.

### **B. Old Business**

No old business

## **VII. Public Comments**

### **A. Public comments**

No public comments.

Cecelia Russo made a motion to Adjourn.

Leticia Theodore-Greene seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

Doris Givens	Aye
Cecelia Russo	Aye
Tamikka Pate	Aye
Patricia Bramwell	Aye
Victor Rivera	Aye
Leticia Theodore-Greene	Aye
Joseph Sciamie	Aye
Kevin Nesbitt	Absent

**VIII. 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 8:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Doris Givens

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**Documents used during the meeting**

- Nov 9 Academic Com minutes.pdf
- Scan0571.pdf
- BSNBCSCommitteeGoalsDraft2020-21v2.pdf
- GovernanceCommitteeUpdate11052020.pdf
- Fin Comm Call Notes - November 12 2020.pdf
- Donation Button Paypal bsnbcs.org.pdf