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# Bedford Stuyvesant New Beginnings Charter Schools

## Minutes

August Monthly Board Meeting - Wednesday, 8/17 at 6PM

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### Date and Time

Wednesday August 17, 2022 at 6:00 PM

### Location

82 Lewis Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11206

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### Trustees Present

Cecelia Russo, Doris Givens, Joseph Sciame, Josue De Paz, Shawn Carson, Victor Rivera

### Trustees Absent

Kevin Nesbitt, Mikhael Edouard

### Ex Officio Members Present

Nicholas Tishuk

### Non Voting Members Present

Nicholas Tishuk

### Guests Present

Patricia Bramwell

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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 Wednesday Aug 17, 2022 at 6:01 PM.

### **C. Approve 7-29-22 Minutes**

Joseph Sciame made a motion to approve the minutes from July Board Meeting on 07-29-22.

Shawn Carson seconded the motion.

All present approved minutes with any corrections

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

Chair Victor Rivera commented about committee assignments.

Executive Committee – Chair Victor Rivera, Vice Chair is Kevin Nesbitt, Treasurer is Doris Givens, Secretary Josue De Paz, At large member Cecila, Joseph Sciame

Academic Committee – Chair is Cecila, Kevin Nesbitt, Josue De Paz

Finance Committee – Chair is Doris, Mikhael, Shawn

Governance Committee- Chair is Doris, Joe, Victor

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

### **A. Committee Update**

Cecelia M. Russo sent an email about upcoming events on school year. Patience Brown commented that the team welcomed the staff back this past Monday and new staff the week previous, some from NYU program through our partnership. Leadership and staff are very excited about the new school year. August 29th is the first day of school. Bloomberg funding allowed us to provide an intensive summer academy for students to ensure their continued success in ELA and Math. Patience also spoke about our reading curriculum, which was sent to our board members, including explaining Wilson's Foundations.

Patience shared that the PFO committee is being rejuvenated and revamped - new staff member taking over parent engagement. We also welcomed a new assistant principal, Amber Ball, who began this month.

Nick just returned from Jackson, MS, after taking part with 14 students and 4 staff members in the Civil Rights practicum, students got strong feedback from many community members and partners and were able to visit several historical sites. Lisa Renee gave an update on the Brooklyn to Alaska trip – the school sent 2 girls and 2 boys, including a student who went last year, as a leader.

Nick gave an update on the renewal application – there will be a board interview in December as a part of the renewal process.

### **III. Governance Committee**

#### **A. Committee Update**

No meeting this month. Doris provided an update on Trustee recruitment – we are close to moving forward with one candidate after a school tour. Shawn is an official Board member after being approved. Cecilia asked for Josue to recirculate the Onboarding Document shared with the board at the retreat.

### **IV. Finance Committee**

#### **A. Finance Committee Update**

Committee met on August 16th– our cash flow has improved as we’ve received grant income. Balances have been shared with the Board. Mikhael has drafted an investment policy for the Board to review, which will be shared shortly.

#### **B. Approval of Annual Safety Plan**

Doris Givens made a motion to approve the 2022-23 BSNBCS Safety Plan.  
Cecelia Russo seconded the motion.

Nick shared an update on the safety plan; which was circulated and unanimously approved by the Board.

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

### **V. Public Comments**

#### **A. Public comments**

There were no public comments.

The board discussed changing the date of the board meeting from Third Tuesdays to third Wednesdays. The Board will have the September meeting on the third Wednesday, September 21st and will finalize the 2022-23 calendar shortly.

### **VI. Closing Items**

#### **A. Adjourn Meeting**

Josue De Paz made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Joseph Sciame seconded the motion.

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

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:09 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Josue De Paz