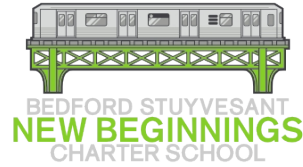


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# Bedford Stuyvesant New Beginnings Charter Schools

## Minutes

### April Monthly Board Meeting

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#### **Date and Time**

Wednesday April 19, 2023 at 6:00 PM

#### **Location**

82 Lewis Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11206

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#### **Trustees Present**

Cecelia Russo, Cynthia Aker, Doris Givens, Josue De Paz, Kevin Nesbitt, Shawn Carson, Victor Rivera

#### **Trustees Absent**

Joseph Sciamè

#### **Trustees who arrived after the meeting opened**

Cynthia Aker

#### **Ex Officio Members Present**

Nicholas Tishuk

#### **Non Voting Members Present**

Nicholas Tishuk

#### **Guests Present**

Patience Brown, 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 Apr 19, 2023 at 6:00 PM.

### C. Approve March minutes

Doris Givens made a motion to approve the minutes from March Monthly Board Meeting on 03-22-23.

Kevin Nesbitt seconded the motion.

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

#### Roll Call

Cecelia Russo Aye

Joseph Sciamè Absent

Doris Givens Aye

Shawn Carson Aye

Victor Rivera Aye

Cynthia Aker Absent

Kevin Nesbitt Aye

Josue De Paz Aye

## II. Academic and Family Life Committee

### A. Committee Update

Patience sent an email detailing all of the activities from now to the end of the year. Testing started this week for ELA state tests and had a pep rally yesterday to get students excited and ready for the day. Patience gave our regular student and staff update – we are fully staffed.

Math state testing will be the first week of May. No major concerns noted. Staff that will be asked back will be going out in late May. The test is not a comparison test, as it's been changed quite a bit from last year.

Graduation venues been hard to find, but we've confirmed a location and date - June 17th at 11am.

Cynthia Aker arrived at 6:09 PM.

### **III. Governance Committee**

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

Nick shared that we're been working on additional Board recruits – using Boardstrong to find people interested in our school. Josue also spoke to a parent who's potentially interested in the board. Next week we'll discuss if we'll be going back to meeting on Tuesdays or keeping the meeting on Wednesdays or another day that is ideal for the Trustees.

### **IV. Finance Committee**

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

Shawn talked about the detailed bank statements as we do on a monthly basis and there were no substantives updates to note. Shawn also mentioned that the time for the meeting may change moving forward.

#### **B. Presentation of Draft FY24 budget**

The board discussed the FY24 Budget, detailing the changes YoY, especially with regard to the high school and one-time ARP funding. The state budget hasn't been finalized yet, so we can't finalize that until we hear about that dynamic. The after school program has helped us to retain students (professional services bucket) and will be increasing in the budget next year, along with staff professional development, which helps retain staff. Facilities also increased with our expected high school expansion and need of a new high school building. We'll be covering the rest of fundraising next week.

#### **C. Board Fundraising Event**

Doris explained the gala concept for our fundraising in November, where she detailed her initial plan. Victor mentioned that a gala committee would be very helpful - Doris and Cynthia would co-Chair it together and set an introductory meeting via Zoom.

### **V. Public Comments**

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

N/A

### **VI. Closing Items**

#### **A. Vote to Enter Executive Session**

Cecelia Russo made a motion to enter executive session.

Shawn Carson seconded the motion.

Made at 6:57 - we discussed personnel issues related to the Executive Director.

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

**Roll Call**

Kevin Nesbitt Abstain

Cynthia Aker Aye

Joseph Sciamè Absent

Josue De Paz Aye

Doris Givens Aye

Shawn Carson Aye

Cecelia Russo Aye

**B. Vote to Re-enter Normal Session**

Doris Givens made a motion to Re-enter normal session.

Cynthia Aker seconded the motion.

Kevin stepped out of the room prior to the vote.

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

**Roll Call**

Kevin Nesbitt Abstain

Joseph Sciamè Absent

Victor Rivera Aye

Josue De Paz Aye

Cynthia Aker Aye

Cecelia Russo Aye

Shawn Carson Aye

Doris Givens Aye

Josue De Paz made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Doris Givens seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

Doris Givens Aye

Shawn Carson Abstain

Joseph Sciamè Absent

Cecelia Russo Aye

Kevin Nesbitt Abstain

Cynthia Aker Aye

Josue De Paz Aye

Victor Rivera Aye

**C. Adjourn Meeting**

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:33 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Josue De Paz