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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

Victor Rivera	Aye
Joseph Sciame	Absent
Cecelia Russo	Aye
Doris Givens	Aye
Shawn Carson	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
Josue De Paz	Aye
Doris Givens	Aye
Joseph Sciamé	Absent
Shawn Carson	Aye
Cynthia Aker	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**

Doris Givens	Aye
Cecelia Russo	Aye
Josue De Paz	Aye
Cynthia Aker	Aye
Shawn Carson	Aye
Joseph Sciamé	Absent
Kevin Nesbitt	Abstain
Victor Rivera	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**

Cecelia Russo	Aye
Cynthia Aker	Aye
Victor Rivera	Aye
Joseph Sciamé	Absent
Doris Givens	Aye
Shawn Carson	Abstain
Josue De Paz	Aye
Kevin Nesbitt	Abstain

**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