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# Bedford Stuyvesant New Beginnings Charter Schools

## Minutes

### November Board Meeting

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#### **Date and Time**

Wednesday November 15, 2023 at 6:00 PM

#### **Location**

82 Lewis Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11206

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#### **Trustees Present**

Cecelia Russo, Doris Givens, John Matos, Joseph Sciame, Shawn Carson

#### **Trustees Absent**

Cynthia Aker, Josue De Paz, Kevin Nesbitt, Victor Rivera

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

Nicholas Tishuk

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

Nicholas Tishuk

#### **Guests Present**

Brian Blough, Lamar Renee Garcia, Lisa-Renée Brown, Patience Brown, Patricia Bramwell

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### **I. Opening Items**

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

#### **B.**

### **Call the Meeting to Order**

Shawn Carson called a meeting of the board of trustees of Bedford Stuyvesant New Beginnings Charter Schools to order on Wednesday Nov 15, 2023 at 6:14 PM.

### **C. Approve October minutes**

Doris Givens made a motion to approve the minutes from October Board Meeting on 10-18-23.

Cecelia Russo seconded the motion.

The minutes were approved unanimously with any necessary corrections.

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

### **D. Approve November Special Meeting Minutes**

Doris Givens made a motion to approve the minutes from November Meeting: For Material Revision and Public Meeting w Auditors (PKF O'Connor Davies) on 11-13-23.

John Matos seconded the motion.

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

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

### **A. Committee Update**

Cecelia deferred the update to Ms. Garcia for a K-8 update. Ms. Garcia shared that the school held full day parent teacher conferences with 550 parent attendees. We also had Cognitively Guided Instruction night and an Academic night on various subjects. The school will be holding a Spelling Bee tomorrow and a Holiday feast on Friday for all scholars and staff, trustees are invited to attend. Ms. Patience Brown shared that staff will be engaged in Professional development next week prior to the Thanksgiving Break.

Mr. Blough updated on the high school planning; including new partnerships with Smith College, NYU and Columbia University for our summer bridge program for 2024 for students who are matriculating from 8th grade to 9th grade.

## **III. Governance Committee**

### **A. Committee Update**

Governance will be active following up with Gala guests who are interested in visiting the school and learning more about the Board.

## **IV. Finance Committee**

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

Ms. Lisa-Renee Brown presented on the finances of the school. Team has done a wonderful job at keeping enrollment consistent through the beginning of the year with 727

currently enrolled. The number of Students with Disabilities continue to rise, as the NYCDOE Committee on Special Education completes its work in finalizing and updating student IEPs.

Ms. Brown updated the school's research into safe investment vehicles for its savings; there were no extraordinary expenses or revenues during this period.

## **V. Development Committee**

### **A. Development Committee**

The Development committee reported that the initial tally of the Vision 2023 Board Gala income and expenses that the event netted over \$17,000 in revenue for the school, with additional revenues and adjustments coming in the near future for final reconciliation.

Shawn, acknowledging Chair Victor Rivera's feedback, thanked Doris for her efforts in putting the event together and the BSNBCS staff who supported the event with their time and presence.

## **VI. Executive Session**

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

The Board discussed real estate matters in Executive Session. The Board voted unanimously to return to regular session.

## **VII. Public Comments**

### **A. Public comments**

There were no public comments.

## **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 7:40 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Nicholas Tishuk