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Bedford Stuyvesant New Beginnings Charter Schools

Minutes

Bedford Stuyvesant New Beginnings Charter Schools Board Meeting

Date and Time
Wednesday April 23, 2025 at 6:00 PM

Location
82 Lewis Avenue, Brooklyn, NY

Trustees Present
Doris Givens, John Matos, Joseph Sciame, Kevin Nesbitt, Simone Pratt, Victor Rivera

Trustees Absent
Cecelia Russo, Cynthia Aker, Shawn Carson, Vishal Gupta

Ex Officio Members Present
Nicholas Tishuk

Guests Present
Lamar Renee Garcia, Lisa-Renée Brown, Patricia Bramwell

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 23, 2025 at 6:11 PM.

C. Approve March Meeting Minutes

Joseph Sciame made a motion to approve the minutes from Bedford Stuyvesant New Beginnings Charter Schools Board Meeting on 03-19-25.
John Matos seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

II. Academic and Family Life Committee

A. Committee Update

Principal Garcia presented on the school's return from Spring Break; our New York State assessments for ELA were successful despite the challenges New York State had in their implementation of the new Computer Based Testing framework. Math exams will be taking place in early May and regents exams in June to complete our 2024-25 student assessments.

CAO Brown discussed the upcoming Mother's Day events, our Boys and Girls summits which are well attended and supported by our community partnerships. The Career Day event is in June 3rd and the board is encouraged to attend or share with their networks. Trustees are encouraged to attend if they are interested. 8th grade stepping up will be at Medgar Evers College.

III. Governance Committee

A. Committee Update

Chair Givens shared the work of the Governance committee. We have engaged Boardlead for an additional Spring round of potential candidates. She shared that our two new Trustees, Simone and Vishal, were interested in joining the Development Committee and Governance Committees respectively. A number of trustees were interested in rejoining the Development committee with a focus on our expansion.

Trustee Sciame suggested that we should share the history of the school and engage in dialogue about the school's philosophy, charter framework and experience for our newly joined Trustees.

IV. Finance Committee

A. Finance Committee Update

CFO Brown presented the overview of the work of the Finance Committee. She shared the work of the enrollment team following the lottery and its positive impact on the budget. She described the positive impact of the growth of BSNBCS's additional 2nd grade, growing to K-2 and BSNBCS's expansion of its high school to include a second cohort, including grade 10.

CAO Brown described the school's marketing and recruitment work to support student recruitment including bus adds, radio and TV, direct mail, electronic messaging and in-person canvassing. There were no extraordinary expenses during this time period.

Executive Director Tishuk presented the school's experience with the new policy enviroment in Washington, DC and potential impacts on the finances of the school. Trustees engaged the topic and asked that they remain informed on the topic.

V. 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 7:35 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Doris Givens