



Bedford Stuyvesant New Beginnings Charter Schools

Minutes

Bedford Stuyvesant New Beginnings Charter Schools Board Meeting

Date and Time

Tuesday August 26, 2025 at 6:00 PM

Location

82 Lewis Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11206

Trustees Present

Cecelia Russo, John Matos, Kevin Nesbitt, Shawn Carson, Simone Pratt, Vishal Gupta

Trustees Absent

Cynthia Aker, Doris Givens, Joseph Sciame, Victor Rivera

Ex Officio Members Present

Nicholas Tishuk

Non Voting Members Present

Nicholas Tishuk

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance and Guests

B. Call the Meeting to Order

Kevin Nesbitt called a meeting of the board of trustees of Bedford Stuyvesant New Beginnings Charter Schools to order on Tuesday Aug 26, 2025 at 6:06 PM.

Chair Kevin Nesbitt recognized Trustee Joe Sciame, founding Trustee and Board Chair, and all Trustees wished him good health.

C. Approve July Meeting Minutes

Cecelia Russo made a motion to approve the minutes from Bedford Stuyvesant New Beginnings Charter Schools Board Meeting on 07-31-25.

Vishal Gupta seconded the motion.

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

II. Academic and Family Life Committee

A. Committee Update

Chair Cecelia Russo acknowledged the open house happening now at the High School.

Mr. Tishuk shared the latest academic data on NYS Assessments, which are the highest in the school's history.

III. Governance Committee

A. Committee Update

Vice Chair Shawn Carson updated the Board on Committee Chair Givens work and the need for trustees to use this year as an opportunity to re-commit the school and its growth. Mr. Carson will be taking lead on the Governance Committee while Chair Givens, in her absence.

IV. Development Committee

A. Committee Update

There were no updates from the Development Committee.

V. Finance Committee

A. Finance Committee Update

Chief Operating Officer Michael Taylor presented the school's financial picture, including the projected and budgeted per pupil revenues for 2025-26. Between the two schools, 999 FTE students are projected for the upcoming school year and 228 FTE students with IEPs. There are no extraordinary expenses or revenues during the last month.

VI. Public Comments

A. Public comments

Cecelia Russo asked Chief People Officer to update our Board on our Brooklyn to Alaska partnership. She updated the Board that three BSNBCS students participated in a two week wilderness practicum in Alaska for leadership opportunities and outdoor education.

VII. 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 6:27 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Nicholas Tishuk