APPROVED

Bedford Stuyvesant New Beginnings Charter Schools

Minutes

Bedford Stuyvesant New Beginnings Charter Schools Board Meeting

Date and Time
Wednesday March 18, 2026 at 6:00 PM

Location
82 Lewis Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11206

Trustees Present
Cecelia Russo, Cynthia Aker, Doris Givens, John Matos, Joseph Sciame, Kevin Nesbitt, Shawn Carson, Vishal Gupta

Trustees Absent
Simone Pratt, Victor Rivera

Ex Officio Members Present
Nicholas Tishuk

Guests Present
Lisa-Renée Brown, Michael Taylor, Patricia Bramwell

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 Wednesday Mar 18, 2026 at 6:11 PM.

C. Approve January Meeting Minutes

Cecelia Russo made a motion to approve the minutes from Bedford Stuyvesant New Beginnings Charter Schools Board Meeting on 01-21-26.
John Matos seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

II. Academic and Family Life Committee

A. Committee Update

Chair Cecelia updated the Board on the work of the academic committee. She met with Principals Garcia and Blough. She updated the Board on various trips and programs. Executive Director Tishuk updated the Board on High School enrollment which is currently 245 students.

III. Finance Committee

A. Finance Committee Update

Treasurer John Matos updated the Board on the work of the finance committee. COO Michael Taylor updated the Board on the school's enrollment and the schools finances. There were no extraordinary expenses or revenues in this time period. He updated the Board on a the continued work regarding identifying possible lines of credit to support potential future liquidity needs.

Mr. Tishuk updated the Board that B2 has received its initial reimbursement for Charter Schools Program funds, a $1.9MM grant over three fiscal years. The school was able to meet all obligations and needs according to this framework.

IV. Governance Committee

A. Committee Update

Chair Givens updated the Board that there was a review of Board attendance and the committee is reviewing ways to improve and support Trustee attendance and engagement at Board meetings. Chair Nesbitt shared his phone calls and engagements with other trustees regarding their needs, attendance and engagement in the work of the Board.

V. Development Committee

A.

Committee Update

Vice Chair Carson updated the Board on the work of the Development Committee. He explained the connection between development and governance, including the recruitment and outreach of potential Trustee candidates and then work closely with the Governance committee's work in vetting and recommending Board candidates to the full Board.

Chair Simone's message to the Board included the following summary of goals for the Committee:

- **Aligned on the need to clearly define the Development Committee's purpose and scope**
- **Agreed the committee should lead board recruitment, with a focus on diverse representation across K–8, middle, and high school**
- **Discussed community engagement events as a key driver of visibility and donor cultivation**
- **Smaller teaser event in May**
- **Larger open house in Fall 2026**
- **Identified need to update and segment the local business list for more strategic outreach**
  Agreed we need to strengthen donor engagement beyond thank-you notes and create more meaningful connections

Trustees should provide regarding these topics by March 27th.

VI. Public Comments

A. Public comments

There were no public comments.

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 6:59 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Nicholas Tishuk