APPROVED

Bedford Stuyvesant New Beginnings Charter Schools

Minutes

Bedford Stuyvesant New Beginnings Charter Schools Board Meeting

Date and Time
Wednesday October 21, 2026 at 5:00 PM

Location
82 Lewis Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11206

Trustees Present
Cecelia Russo, Cynthia Aker, Doris Givens, Kevin Nesbitt, Shawn Carson, Simone Pratt, Victor Rivera

Trustees Absent
John Matos

Ex Officio Members Present
Nicholas Tishuk

Guests Present
Lisa-Renée Brown, Michael Taylor, Patience Brown

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 Oct 21, 2026 at 6:09 PM.

C. Approve September Meeting Minutes

Victor Rivera made a motion to approve the minutes from Bedford Stuyvesant New Beginnings Charter Schools Board Meeting on 09-16-26.
Shawn Carson seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

II. Academic and Family Life Committee

A. Committee Update

Chair Cecelia Russo updated the Board on the work of the Academic and Family Life Committee. She discussed enrollment, which is ongoing, as well as afterschool programming. Chief Academic Officer Patience Brown gave additional updates. She shared updates in our enrollment strategy, including the strong enrollment in our Middle School.

At the Lewis campus, we celebrated the Hispanic Heritage Fair last week, which was very popular and successful in its aims. We have additional Fall Harvest events occurring through the rest of the month and we have report cards coming up at the end of the month K-8. In High School, we have been taking staff feedback on improving our instructional program and professional needs for our instructors. PSATs will be offered tomorrow in the High School. The Instructional Leadership team is also discussing the new guidance from the New York Board of Regents regarding high school matriculation requirements and the need to further study the implications of this change.

III. Finance Committee

A. Finance Committee Update

Chief Operating Officer Michael Taylor updated the Board on the work of the finance committee. There were no extraordinary expenses since the last Board meeting and the BSNBCS2 received $778K in reimbursements from the Charter Schools Program Grant of which we are now in Year 2.

B. Vote on Audited Financial Statements

Kevin Nesbitt made a motion to approve the Audited Financial Statements as presented by the auditor PKF O'Connor Davies.
Cynthia Aker seconded the motion.

Vice Chair Shawn Carson updated the Board on the audited financial statements, including the meaning of the right-of-use assets in the report, including the two school leases for the two facilities.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

IV. Governance Committee

A. Committee Update

Chair Doris Givens updated the Board on the work of the Governance Committee, including the solidification of the 2027 Board Retreat be held on June 16th, 2027. She also delineated the roles and responsibilities of trustees, and she encouraged trustees to share prospects for future trustee recruitment, including the rescheduling of the Board recruitment event. Mr. Tishuk will also review the online recruitment options for Trustees. Trustees also should expect an additional refresher on the Open Meetings Law.

V. Development Committee

A. Committee Update

Chair Simone Pratt updated the Board on the work of the Development committee; the committee is working on the rescheduling of the Board event and the development of additional strategies around friend-raising and recruitment.

VI. Public Comments

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A guest discussed their interest in the school and our strategic planning.

VII. Closing Items

A. Executive Session

The Board went into Executive Session to discuss legal and personnel matters.

B. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:38 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Nicholas Tishuk