



Pharos Academy Charter School

Minutes

Pharos Academy Charter School Board Meeting

Date and Time

Wednesday February 26, 2025 at 6:30 PM

Location

<https://bronxlighthouse.zoom.us/j/5239033349>

All meetings of the Board of Trustees of the Pharos Academy Charter School are held in compliance with New York State Open Meeting Law.

Date: February 26, 2025

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: 1005 Intervale Avenue, Bronx, NY 10459 11215

Other Location(s): <https://bronxlighthouse.zoom.us/j/5239033349>

ALL ARE INVITED TO ATTEND!

**PHAROS ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL
DE LA JUNTA ADMINISTRATIVA**

Realizamos todas las reuniones de la Junta Administrativa de la escuela Pharos Academy Charter School conforme a la Ley de Reuniones Abiertas del Estado de Nueva York.

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Hora: 6:30 p.m.

Lugar: 1005 Intervale Avenue, Bronx, NY 10459

Otros Lugares: <https://bronxlighthouse.zoom.us/j/5239033349>

Trustees Present

G. Garcia, J. Lopez-Molina (remote), J. Rivera, J. Sowell (remote), K. Shah, P. Wesonga, S. Sutherland (remote), T. Perez, T. South, V. Angeles (remote)

Trustees Absent

None

Guests Present

C. Russell, Iranny Castillo, Janae Matthews, M. Dorsey, Richard Then, T. Brown

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance and Guests

B. Call the Meeting to Order

II. PHACS Staff Presentation

A. PHACS Scholar Presentation

Youth Leaders Summit - Scholar Presentation

Scholars - Richard Then, Janae Matthews and Iranny Castillo provided a presentation of their experience at the Oxford Field Trip

Principal Brown shared the experience of the growth that was experienced with both scholars and leadership staff. Fusion skills were introduced during this trip and considered to use at Pharos Academy.

III. Board Governance

A. Approve Minutes

J. Lopez-Molina made a motion to approve the minutes from Pharos Academy Charter School Board Meeting on 01-16-25.

P. Wesonga seconded the motion.

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

B. PHACS Committees

C. Board Bios and Resumes

Charter Renewal process will be starting soon and resumes and bios will be needed.

May 1, 2025 deadline for requested documents

IV. Finance Committee Review

A. Finance Committee Report

Finance committee met in February. All financials are operating as planned.

K. Shah made a motion to Approve the January 2025 Financials.

P. Wesonga seconded the motion.

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

B. Investment Account Update

C. Items Over 50K

D. 990s

V. Executive Director's Report

A. Executive Director's Report

Academic: Present a reporting cadence- Scores call three times a year:

1. The end of June
2. The beginning of September
3. The middle of March

Academic committee looking to move where the opportunities are and continue to improve the academic procedures and process for Pharos Academy. Principal Brown welcome additional participation and membership for the Academic Committee.

Marketing activities recommended by possibly hiring a person for the marketing needs of the school. Marketing strategies discussed for supporting the academic growth of the school.

Exchange student programs recommended for international exposure.

RFP- Fundraising/Marketing

Fundraising committee recommended to be created from the Board membership to start the process and create the foundation for fundraising.

Possibility of supporting fundraising and marketing with investment funds was considered an option instead of employing fundraising/marketing position.

Grant writing also considered as an alternative method to pursue funds for the International academic programs. The company currently used for Charter Renewal writing also specialize in grant writing.

Action items discussed for Principal Brown and the Board for grant writing, marketing and fundraising activities.

VI. Facilities

A. Facilities Update

Facility staff will continue to work to remain in compliance with the local laws that are forthcoming.

All facility projects and activities are moving along as planned.

VII. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

Executive Session : Enter into at 8:21 PM

Executive Session: Exit at 8:34 PM

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
J. Lopez-Molina