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# Pharos Academy Charter School

## Minutes

### PHACS Monthly Board Meeting

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#### Date and Time

Thursday February 12, 2026 at 6:30 PM

#### Location

<https://pharosbx.zoom.us/j/5239033349?pwd=2WLTisGPjTdfRj9m7yHYDr1je2xYw.1>

1005 Intervale Avenue  
Bronx, NY 10459  
4th Floor

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

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**Location:** 1005 Intervale Avenue, Bronx, NY 10459

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

2 Dows Lane, Irvington, NY 10533

**ALL ARE INVITED TO ATTEND!**

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

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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.

**Día: 12 de febrero**

**Hora: 6:30 pm**

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### **Trustees Present**

G. Garcia (remote), J. Lopez-Molina (remote), J. Rivera, J. Sowell, K. Shah, T. Perez

### **Trustees Absent**

P. Wesonga, T. South, V. Angeles

### **Guests Present**

C. Russell, M. Dorsey, T. Brown

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## **I. Opening Items**

### **A. Record Attendance and Guests**

### **B. Call the Meeting to Order**

J. Lopez-Molina called a meeting of the board of trustees of Pharos Academy Charter School to order on Thursday Feb 12, 2026 at 6:39 PM.

## **II. Board Governance**

### **A. Approve Minutes**

J. Lopez-Molina made a motion to approve the minutes from PHACS Monthly Board Meeting on 01-15-26.

J. Sowell seconded the motion.

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

### **B. Board Governance - Best Practices (Part II of II)**

Jarrod Sowell provided a compliance refresher for the Board for the Best Practices that the Board Members can

### **Topics of Discussion**

Board Governance and School Leadership Management Practices  
Three Fiduciary Duties  
Open Meetings Law (OML) Basics  
Executive Sessions- Know the Rules  
Videoconferencing, Quorum, and Voting  
Avoiding illegal "Virtual Meetings"  
Conflict of Interest  
Academic Oversight  
Top 10 Warning Signs

## **III. Finance Committee Review**

### **A. Finance Committee Report**

Enrollment discussed  
Declassifications of funds discussed  
Staff expenses and contingency discussed  
Retirement contribution (discretionary) to be reviewed at the end of the school year to be discussed

K. Shah made a motion to Approve the January 2026 financials.

T. Perez seconded the motion.

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

### **B. Investment Account Update**

### **C. Items Over 50K**

## **IV. Executive Director's Report**

### **A. Executive Director's Report**

State graduation data was released - 95% overall graduation released rate  
2% Gap June versus August graduations. This gap is the same as the state gap.  
NYC Public school is at 78%/81% ; State is 85% - School is right in line with the city and state level.

Compiling interim assessment data, which will be available at the next Board Meeting.

Everything else is pretty standard at the school

## **V. Academic Committee Report**

### **A. Academic Committee Report**

N/A for this month

## **VI. Facilities**

### **A. Facilities Update**

N/A for this month

## **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 8:12 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
M. Dorsey