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# Pharos Academy Charter School

# Minutes

## PHACS Monthly Board Meeting

**Date and Time**
Thursday February 12, 2026 at 6:30 PM

**Location**
https://pharosbx.zoom.us/j/5239033349?pwd=2WLTisGPjTdftRJ9m7yHYDr1je2xYw.1

1005 Intervale Avenue
Bronx, NY 10459
4th Floor

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**

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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**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