



# Bronx Charter School for the Arts

# Minutes

# Bronx Charter School for the Arts - Board of Trustees Meeting

Date and Time Tuesday December 10, 2019 at 6:30 PM

Location Zoom Call Meeting

## **Trustees Present**

Arlene Bascom (remote), Barbara H. Scott (remote), Charles Whites (remote), Dan Vislocky (remote), Denise Brecher (remote), Graham Powis (remote), Lori Biancamano (remote), Susan Geisenheimer (remote)

Trustees Absent Ahmad Sheikh, Aisha Bell, Eric Osorio, Katherine Trager, Patricia Kennedy

**Guests Present** Karlene Cowan, Miriam Raccah

## I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance and Guests

## B. Call the Meeting to Order

Charles Whites called a meeting of the board of trustees of Bronx Charter School for the Arts to order on Tuesday Dec 10, 2019 at 6:34 PM.

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#### **Public Session**

#### **II. November Board Meeting Minutes**

#### A. Approve Meeting Minutes from November Board Meeting

Susan Geisenheimer made a motion to approve the November 2019 minutes. Denise Brecher seconded the motion. The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

#### **III. Nominating Committee**

#### A. Review Board Self Evaluation

There was a brief conversation about the board self evaluation which was shared with the board.

#### B. Nominating Committee Update

Susan asked for Barbara and Miriam to meet with Pam Edel. Susan asked the board to recommend people who would be good for the Board.

#### **IV. October Financials**

#### A. Financial Report

Susan Geisenheimer made a motion to accept the October 2019 finance report. Denise Brecher seconded the motion. The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

#### V. Development

#### A. Development Report

Amy Cohen has taken on GivingTuesday. We raised \$2015.16. The list was shared of all who donated. This was more than we usually raise from GivingTuesday.

Review of the year end appeal list. This included people who gave last year but have not yet given this year. We are ready to send an email to everyone and asking them to give. Miriam will call those who gave \$500 or more. Miriam urged Board members to reach out to their respective connections to ask for year end donations.

#### SAVE THE DATE

The save the date was reviewed and Miriam went over the location (Sugar Hill Children's Museum) and the theme for the event is "Once on this Island" the musical the Elementary School is doing this year. The event will be on April 27, 2020.

Barbara mentioned that she and Arlene have been having lunches once a month to introduce potential donors to the school. Board members are invited to include their contacts as well.

Charles is hosting an event, Breakfast in The Bronx in February. Miriam will send dates to the Board.

#### **VI. January Retreat**

#### A. Agenda and Details of January 11 Board Retreat

Scheduled for 1/11/20. Charles introduced the retreat. Primary purpose to set broad based priorities based on strategic plan and vision. Miriam will send pre-work of questions to think about before the retreat.

#### VII. Dashboard

#### A. Update

Nothing has really changed on the dashboard. We are overall 7 students short based on budgeted enrollment. We are 6 short at the MS and 1 over at the ES.

#### VIII. Closing Items

#### A. Adjourn Meeting

Susan Geisenheimer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Barbara H. Scott seconded the motion. The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion. There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:14 PM.

Respectfully Submitted, Karlene Cowan