



Bronx Charter School for the Arts

Minutes

Monthly Board Meeting

Date and Time

Tuesday February 9, 2021 at 6:30 PM

Trustees Present

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

Trustees Absent

Ahmad Sheikh, Aisha Bell, Eric Osorio

Guests Present

Erica Jones (remote), Jasmin Abbatiello (remote), Karlene Cowan (remote), Melanie Hok (remote), Miriam Raccah (remote), Sara Villagio (remote), Susan Fulwiler (remote)

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

Barbara H. Scott called a meeting of the board of trustees of Bronx Charter School for the Arts to order on Tuesday Feb 9, 2021 at 6:36 PM.

C. Approve Minutes

Arlene Bascom made a motion to approve the minutes from Board Retreat on 01-23-21.
Lori Biancamano seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

II. Executive Director Report

A. Program Report

1. Discussion about shifting the end of the school year and starting next school year earlier.
2. Unlikely that state tests will happen this year.
3. Discussion of academic needs and staffing

B. Retreat Follow-Up

We are sending out a survey to determine next steps regarding equity work. We plan to engage Bellwether to refresh our strategic plan, initiate strategic planning committee.

III. Development Report

A. Introduction of Jasmin Abbatiello

B. Development Report

Susan Fulwiler advised the board on progress regarding fundraising goals and what remains to be reached to receive the match from WFF.

IV. Finance Report

A. December Financials

Melanie Hok reviewed financial report.

B. PPP Loan Forgiveness

Melanie Hok reviewed upcoming determination regarding the loan forgiveness. We will not apply for round 2.

C. Civic Builders -- HVAC Update

Civic Builders offered financing plan to complete the HVAC work. We are having ongoing discussion to review options.

V. Other Business

A. Executive Session

The board went into executive session at 7:34pm.

The board returned from executive session at 8:00 pm.

VI. 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 8:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Katherine Trager