



Bronx Charter School for the Arts

Minutes

Monthly Board Meeting

Date and Time

Tuesday October 12, 2021 at 6:30 PM

Trustees Present

Arlene Bascom (remote), Barbara H. Scott (remote), Charles Whites (remote), Denise Brecher (remote), Eric Osorio (remote), Katherine Trager (remote), Lori Biancamano (remote), Sara Villagio (remote), Susan Geisenheimer (remote)

Trustees Absent

Dan Vislocky

Guests Present

Andrea Zayas (remote), David Barnard (remote), Erica Jones (remote), Jasmin Abbatiello (remote), Karlene Cowan (remote), Melanie Hok (remote), Miriam Raccach (remote), NCheng LLC (remote), Ryan McCabe (remote), karendrezner@leveragingleaders.com (remote), prooney@bronxarts.net (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 Oct 12, 2021 at 6:37 PM.

C. Approve the minutes for September 2021

Susan Geisenheimer made a motion to approve the minutes from Monthly Board Meeting on 09-14-21.

Arlene Bascom seconded the motion.

Arlene noted that Sara Villagio, David Barnard and Andrea Zayas were listed as guests.

Miriam explained that they are not yet approved via SED.

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

II. Nominating Committee Report

A. Nomination of Karen Drezner as Board Member

Miriam Raccah introduced Karen Drezner and shared her history and experience in education.

Susan Geisenheimer made a motion to Nominate Karen Drezner to join as a Board Member.

Denise Brecher seconded the motion.

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

Susan Geisenheimer mentioned that Aisha Bell has resigned and a new parent board member will be joining the board and that Ahmad Sheik has also resigned from the board.

III. Executive Director Report

A. BAE Leadership Change

Miriam Raccah shared that Jonea Thomas is no longer principal at the elementary school. Patricia Rooney has stepped in as interim principal. Ryan McCabe spent time at BAE today, along with four other BAM teachers. Patricia Rooney spoke to the board about the support she's received from fellow Executive Leadership Team (ELT) members.

B. COVID Update

Karlene Cowan updated the board about the vaccination status amongst staff and students.

C. Enrollment Update

Karlene Cowan updated the board regarding enrollment.

IV. Academic Data

A.

20/21 EOY MAP

Ryan McCabe and Patty Rooney presented End of Year MAP and iReady testing results.

V. Finance

A. FY21-22 Financials as of Sept 2021

Melanie Hok presented the financial report.

B. Audit

The auditor, NCheng LLC presented the draft audit for fiscal year 2020.

Barbara H. Scott made a motion to Resolve that the Finance Committee can approve the final draft of the Audit to submit to the SED.

Denise Brecher seconded the motion.

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

Barbara H. Scott made a motion to Resolve that the school is to open and maintain an escrow account. .

Denise Brecher seconded the motion.

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

VI. Development

A. Development Report

Jasmin Abbatiello presented the development report.

VII. Closing Items

A. Upcoming Events

B. Executive Session

C. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 8:07 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Katherine Trager

Documents used during the meeting

- kdrezner CV 0821.pdf

- BXCSA FY22 Financials - September 2021.xlsx
- Board Meeting Development Report_ 10.12.21.pdf