



# Bronx Charter School for the Arts

## Minutes

### Monthly Board Meeting

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#### Date and Time

Tuesday October 10, 2023 at 6:00 PM

#### Location

Zoom

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#### Trustees Present

Arlene Bascom (remote), Barbara H. Scott (remote), Charles Whites (remote), Dan Vislocky (remote), David Barnard (remote), Denise Brecher (remote), Evette Stair- Radlein (remote), Lori Biancamano (remote)

#### Trustees Absent

Andrea Zayas, Eric Osorio, Susan Geisenheimer

#### Guests Present

Jasmin Abbatiello (remote), Kathy Ortiz (remote), Krisann Vega (remote), Lesly Garcia (remote), Melanie Hok (remote), Patricia Rooney (remote), Ryan McCabe (remote)

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### 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 10, 2023 at 6:06 PM.

### C. Approve Minutes

Arlene Bascom made a motion to approve the minutes from Monthly Board Meeting - In Person on 09-12-23.

Lori Biancamano seconded the motion.

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

## II. Board Chair Update

### A. Update

Barbara H. Scott shared that the both the school leadership team and board have decided to not move forward with plans to submit an intent to apply for a new charter, under the available "Zombie" charters.

Ms. Scott proceeded to share that the board is in need of a Secretary with Ms. Trager's recent resignation and asked that any interested board members reach out to her.

Lastly, Barbara H.Scott reminded the board of the upcoming charter renewal on-site visits scheduled for November 14th and 15th, and asked that board members consider participating in these visits.

## III. Executive Director Report

### A. Update

Kathy Ortiz shared the recent student demographic data as of September, noting strong attendance and enrollment numbers that are aligned with current year's budget. She also presented the preliminary Spring 2023 NYS test scores in both ELA and Math, citing that more data will be shared in a future board meeting.

Ms. Ortiz concluded her presentation with directing the board to the proposed District-Wide School Safety Plan for the 2023-24 school year.

Denise Brecher made a motion to approve the Bronx Charter School for the Arts' District-Wide School Safety Plan for the 2023-24 school year.

Dan Vislocky seconded the motion.

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

## IV. Finance

### A. Update

Arlene Bascom made a motion to empower the Executive Director, Board Treasurer, and members of the Finance Committee authority to approve the audited financial statements for the fiscal year ending 06.30.23.

Lori Biancamano seconded the motion.

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

## **V. Development and Communications**

### **A. Update**

Jasmin Abbatiello reminded the board of items shared via email.

1. FY24 Grant Cycle Calendar
2. El Especialito Editorial (draft copy)
3. Development and Communications Update Report

Jasmin Abbatiello shared a monthly "Can't Stop, Won't Stop" video, highlighting recent celebrations and events at Bronx Arts.

## **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 6:35 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Barbara H. Scott