



Bronx Charter School for the Arts

Minutes

Monthly Board Meeting

Date and Time

Tuesday May 14, 2024 at 6:00 PM

Location

Zoom

Trustees Present

Charles Whites (remote), Dan Vislocky (remote), David Barnard (remote), Denise Brecher (remote), Lori Biancamano (remote), Susan Geisenheimer (remote)

Trustees Absent

Arlene Bascom, Barbara H. Scott, Eric Osorio, Evette Stair- Radlein

Guests Present

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

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

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 May 14, 2024 at 6:22 PM.

C. Approve Minutes

Denise Brecher made a motion to approve the minutes from Monthly Board Meeting (Rescheduled) on 04-16-24.

Lori Biancamano seconded the motion.

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

II. Executive Director Report

A. Update

Kathy Ortiz updated the board on applications and enrollment for YR24-25. Based on parent surveys, 95 percent of the students will return next year. Recruiting will continue until October.

Krisann Vega and Ryan McCabe gave testing updates from the elementary and middle school campuses.

Lastly, Kathy Ortiz shared building facilities needs, including:

- Roofing
- Lighting
- HVAC
- Electrical

The goal is to have Civic Builders partner with us to pay for updates and a second-floor addition at 950 Longfellow Ave.

III. Finance Report

A. Update

Melanie Hok has presented the proposed budget for YR24-25 and the staff appreciation stipend for approval.

Susan Geisenheimer made a motion to approve the annual budget of Bronx Charter School for the Arts for fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, pending any further revisions, as presented be and is hereby approved and shall be allocated.

Lori Biancamano seconded the motion.

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

Lori Biancamano made a motion to approve that the educational corporation shall make a \$1250 gross stipend payment to each qualified employee on or around the second payroll cycle of May 2024.

Susan Geisenheimer seconded the motion.

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

IV. Development & Communication

A. Update

Jasmin Abbatiello gave a summary of FY24 private contributions and noted that including pledges, \$421,622 has been raised in cash contributions (\$3,536 to goal of \$425,000) and \$466,456 has been raised in cash and in-kind contributions (exceeded goal of \$450,000). She then provided an overview of institutional giving between FY21-FY24 (\$60,000 - \$364,000).

Last, she shared the monthly Bronx Arts Can't Stop, Won't Stop highlight video.

V. Upcoming Events

A. Update

- 5/23- JAZZ ON LONGFELLOW
- 6/11- BOARD MEETING
- 6/12-ANNIE JR. PERFORMANCE
- 6/13- HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL PERFORMANCE
- 6/21- LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
- 6/21- KINDERGARTEN, 5TH & 8TH GRADE GRADUATIONS.

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 6:54 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lori Biancamano