



# Bronx Charter School for the Arts

## Minutes

### Monthly Board Meeting

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#### Date and Time

Tuesday September 10, 2024 at 6:00 PM

#### Location

Zoom

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#### Trustees Present

Arlene Bascom (remote), Barbara H. Scott (remote), Dan Vislocky (remote), David Barnard (remote), Denise Brecher (remote), Eric Osorio (remote), Evette Stair- Radlein (remote), Lori Biancamano (remote), Susan Geisenheimer (remote), Zahreen Ghaznavi (remote)

#### Trustees Absent

Charles Whites

#### Guests Present

Jasmin Abbatiello (remote), Jocelyn Gaston (remote), Kathy Ortiz (remote), Krisann Vega (remote), Loretta Cargill (remote), Lydia Bremer (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 Sep 10, 2024 at 6:22 PM.

### **C. Approve Minutes**

Lori Biancamano made a motion to approve the minutes from Monthly Board Meeting on 08-13-24.

Susan Geisenheimer seconded the motion.

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

## **II. Executive Director Report**

### **A. Update**

Kathy Ortiz presented an overview of the highlights from the New York State 2024 test results in English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics.

- The Bronx Charter School for the Arts surpassed performance metrics compared to the state, city, borough, and district in both ELA and Mathematics.
- Special Education (SPED) and English Language Learner (ELL) students exceeded the performance levels of their peers across the city, borough, and district.
- For the second consecutive year, the Bronx Charter School for the Arts achieved all subgroup targets in ELA and Mathematics.

Krisann Vega and Ryan McCabe discussed strategic initiatives and plans for the elementary and middle schools, emphasizing growth and necessary adjustments for the current academic year.

Additionally, Kathy Ortiz highlighted the professional development and resources made available through the investment of ESSER Funds, which are currently being implemented. This includes upgrades to classroom technology and resources, such as state-of-the-art smart boards, document cameras, and educational materials for teachers.

## **III. Finance Report**

### **A. Update**

- Kathy Ortiz shared Melanie Hok was working on completing the 2023-2024 financial audit.

#### IV. Upcoming Events

##### A. Update

- Back to School Nights BAE - 9/11 & BAM - 9/12
- Full Day Staff Development - Lorena German on 9/25
- Board Meeting **October 8th** in person at BAE, at 6pm

#### V. Public Meeting Adjourn

##### A. Adjourn Meeting

Barbara Scott adjourn public meeting at 6:49 pm

Barbara Scott announced executive session will follow for board members, Kathy Ortiz, Jasmin Abbatiello, Lesly Garcia and Lydia Bremer

#### VI. Executive Session

##### A. Development & Communication update

Jasmin Abbatiello presented an update on private contributions and marketing strategies designed to improve recruitment efforts.

A conversation regarding the facilities ensued.

#### VII. 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 7:05 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lori Biancamano