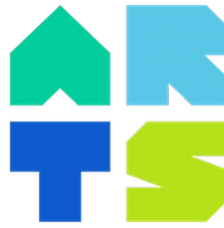


APPROVED



Bronx Charter School for the Arts

Minutes

Monthly Board Meeting

Date and Time

Tuesday March 10, 2026 at 6:00 PM

Location

Zoom

Trustees Present

Arlene Bascom (remote), Barbara H. Scott (remote), Charles Whites (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

None

Ex Officio Members Present

Kathy Ortiz (remote)

Non Voting Members Present

Kathy Ortiz (remote)

Guests Present

Joseph Chiofalo (remote), Lydia Bremer (remote), Melanie Hok (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 Mar 10, 2026 at 6:04 PM.

C. Approve Minutes

Arlene Bascom made a motion to approve the minutes from Monthly Board Meeting - In Person at BAE on 02-07-26.

Susan Geisenheimer seconded the motion.

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

II. Executive Director Report

A. Update

Board Governance & Renewal

Barbara Scott shared that this is a key time for governance and board development, including upcoming 30-minute individual check-ins with members.

Susan Geisenheimer made a motion to renew Evette Stair-Radlein's term.

Arlene Bascom seconded the motion.

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

Board members serve staggered two-year terms based on individual start dates. Kathy Ortiz expressed appreciation for Evette's continued service.

School Update

- Student enrollment changes were due to a small number of withdrawals and transitions to therapeutic placements or disagreement with promotion status.
- Attendance remained strong despite February weather challenges.

Midterm Visit Preparation

Kathy highlighted strong readiness for the March 16 mid-term renewal visit, with clear alignment across benchmarks and no last-minute preparation.

Additional Updates

- Continued academic progress despite new assessments and computer-based testing.
- Upcoming leadership retreat will focus on alignment, messaging, and student-centered priorities.

- Artwork presented will be featured in the upcoming virtual art auction; board members encouraged to sign up and participate.

III. Facilities & Real Estate

A. Update

David Barnard reported:

- No urgent HVAC or roof issues at this time.
- Long-term planning for the BAE facility is underway, including engagement with Civic Builders.
- Early steps include benchmarking and exploring adjacent properties.

More updates expected in upcoming meetings.

IV. Finance Report

A. Update

Melanie Hok reported:

- Financial position remains stable and favorable year-to-date due to personnel savings.
- Ongoing challenge: shortage of certified teachers.
- Projected revenue: \$14.4M (based on ~590 students).
- Projected expenses: \$14.3M, with increases in programming, recruitment, and consulting.
- Budget planning for FY 2026–27 begins soon; ~4% per-pupil funding increase anticipated.

V. Development & Communications Report

A. Update

Joseph Chiofalo reported:

- Winter recruitment campaign includes MTA ads, print placements, and digital outreach.
- Analytics will be available next month.
- Concerts for Compassion and Metropolitan Opera partnerships are underway.
- Summer Boost grant decision expected by end of March.

Virtual Art Auction

- *From Our Walls to Yours* runs March 12–19.
- 12 student pieces available.

Fundraising

- Peer-to-peer campaign for Jazz on Longfellow ongoing; goal: \$10,000.

VI. Upcoming Events

A. Update

The upcoming weeks are packed with key events, including the student art auction, leadership retreats, midterm visits, and another full-day session with Leverage Ed, followed by closures for Eid and spring break. Our Next Board Meeting is scheduled for April 14.

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 6:53 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lori Biancamano