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Next Generation Charter Schools

Minutes

Board Meeting

Date and Time
Thursday April 24, 2025 at 6:30 PM

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Mission
At Nuasin Next Generation, we believe in the unlimited talent and intellectual potential of our scholars and our community. We cultivate this talent and intellectual potential through a progressive education that focuses on deep exploration, thoughtful questioning, relentless curiosity and critical thinking. Nuasin Next Generation Charter School implements a progressive K-12 educational program and an unyielding commitment to cultivating our scholars' innate intellectual talents to empower our graduates to achieve excellence in their postsecondary paths and make positive impacts on the broader community. Every single one of our scholars have the potential to be great and change the world, at Nuasin Next Generation we prepare our scholars for that opportunity.

3 Pillars
The Mission of Nuasin Next Generation stands firmly on the foundation of our three pillars: Rigor, Self-Advocacy, and Community. These three pillars are the guiding principles for our school and culture. Please find a deeper explanation of our pillars below.

Rigor:
We use the word “rigor” not in the stringent or inflexible sense, but in the sense of an unyielding need to challenge and push our scholars because we understand and believe in the potential, talent, and ability of our scholars and community. We challenge our scholars to build their confidence and help them realize what they can achieve.

Self-Advocacy:
Our scholars are empowered to advocate for themselves, their families, and their communities. As our scholars come to understand that their voices are valued and needed, they learn to advocate for themselves. Our scholars are seen and valued; they understand that not only do they have the right to express their opinions, views, and perspectives, but it is their obligation to do so.

Community:
Our scholars will embrace community and understand that as a member of a community you have certain
inalienable rights, the right to be seen, the right to be heard, the right to be protected and the right to be loved and
cherished. Our scholars will also learn of their obligations. As a member of a community you have the obligation to
respect, listen, support and only want and assume the best in all others. Every member of our community must understand that they are active participants in the Nuasin community and the community goes as we go.

Trustees Present
E. Chen (remote), J. Boulet (remote), K. Brisseau (remote), K. Shabazz (remote), M. Dorrie (remote), T. Bryan (remote)

Trustees Absent
A. Bothner, A. Khanyile, J. Scott, S. Huda, S. Pressley

Guests Present
A. Brown, C. Polanco (remote), J. Keeney (remote), K. Davidson (remote), M. Alston (remote), M. Russell (remote), R. Johnson (remote), steven almonte (remote)

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance and Guests

B. Call the Meeting to Order

J. Boulet called a meeting of the board of trustees of Next Generation Charter Schools to order on Thursday Apr 24, 2025 at 7:11 PM.

C. Review the Agenda

KS, reviewed the agenda for tonight meeting
J. Boulet made a motion to approve the minutes from Board Meeting on 03-27-25.
T. Bryan seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

D. Board Meeting Updates

KS, shared there's no board updates

II. Mission and Pillars Board Reflection

A. Self Advocacy

KB, was not present for the discussion of self advocacy.

- **Our scholars are empowered to advocate for themselves, their families, and their communities. As our scholars come to understand that their voices are valued and needed, they learn to advocate for themselves**

III. School Updates

A. Update from the Executive DIrector

MR, shared the following

- Staff Attendance (K-8)
  - Throughout our **20-day March** period, **19%** of the lower school staff were tardy.
  - In our **20-day March** period, **7.36%** of the lower school staff were absent.

- Staff Attendance (9-12)
  - Under construction

- Scholar Attendance(K-12)
  - *Scholar attendance slightly declined from **92.65%** in February to **88.66%** in March, a decrease of 3.99 percentage points.*

- Scholar attendance increased from **76.23%** in February to **82.66%** in March, marking a 6.43 percentage point improvement. This growth is especially notable given that March had more instructional days—20 compared to February's 15—highlighting stronger consistency in attendance despite the longer month.

• Expansion
- Little Water Prep-Agreement
- Merger- SUNY Charter, applied for merger
- New Haven CT, SUNY Charter
- Feeder School-Middle, high school fair, ops support, parent meetings
- CSD 12- LOI review
- Fundraising-Buck foundation, Bloomberg Philanthropies, Charter Growth Fund

B. Update from the K-8 Principal

KD, shared the following; Mastery and State Test Preparation.

• Scholar vs Staff Volleyball Game
• Middle school career day
- **Forty members participated in Career Day, making the event a tremendous success.**

• Mock Exam Data: ELA (red 24 blue 25)
- 3rd Grade **52%** **49%**
- 4th Grade **60%** **65%**
- 5th Grade **54%** **51%**
- 6th Grade **63%** **51%**
- 7th Grade **58%** **51%**
- 8th Grade **67%** **66%**
- overall 59% **55%**

• Mock Exam Data: Math
- 3rd Grade **63%** **66%**
- 4th Grade 71% **77%**
- 5th Grade **54%** 66%
- 6th Grade 59% **50%**
- 7th Grade **55%** **58%**
- overall 60% 63%

• 6th grade took the biggest decline with the increase in student enrollment.

C. Update from the 9-12 Principal

AB, shared the following: This month focus is on community raised over $1000.00

• The Student Council, along with the Art Club, organized a Bake Sale with generous donations from teachers and staff to honor Christine Olagunju. The event aimed to raise both awareness and funds for sickle cell anemia.

- Midterms
    - Math
        - Fall 60% Spring 62%
    - ELA
        - Fall 64% Spring 64%
    - History
        - Fall 62% Spring 65%
    - Science
        - Fall 64% Spring 62%
- Midterms/Pre AP
    - ELA & History (Cross Referencing Regents and Pre-AP Data)
    - 2.4 test a point to determine if it us a solution to a system of linear inequalities.
        - Lowest Performing57%
    - 2.4.1 Use algebra to determine if an ordered pair is a solution to a system of linear inequalities.
        - Lowest Performing57%
        - 67%
        - 67%
    - 2.4.3 Model a contextual scenario with a system of linear inequalities.
        - Lowest Performing60%

D. Update from K-12 Operations

MA, shared the following;

- Enrollment and Application Update
    - 812 current enrollment
    - 814 operational goal
- Application as of 4/21 is 850
    - 832 authorizer
    - Operational goal 924
- Lottery Summary
    - 17% SPED scholars who applied
    - 33% MLL scholars who applied
    - 108 families on zoom
    - 250 open seats for 25-26
    - 536 scholars waitlisted
- Recruiting
    - Botanical Gardens Community Event 4/6
    - NYPD Easter Egg 4/10
    - Bronx Zoo Community Day 4/13
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- Talent
    - 2 vacancies
        - HS ELA SPED
        - HS MATH SPED
- Compliance
    - DOE Family Surveys
        - 80% family comp rate
    - Enrollments and Poverty Status
    - Next month Level 0 student attendance submission
- School Policy Preview
    - Organization
        - Foil
        - Public comment
        - Whistleblower
        - Safety plan
    - Family Facing
        - Grievance
        - Family scholar handbook
    - Staff Facing
        - Complaint
        - Employee Handbook
    - Board Facing
        - Board attendance
        - Board of trustee pledge

- Upcoming Events and Reminder
    - Gr. 9-12 Sports Day- *Join us for a fun day at Mullaly Park!*
    - 12th Grade Senior Trip - *Graduating scholars will be enjoying their Senior Trip to Virginia Beach!*
    - 8th Grade Senior Trip: *8th Grade scholars will be enjoying an action packed day at the Holiday Hills Campground (CT)*
    - Gr. 2-8 IAs - *Grades 2-8 will be taking their IAs for History,*
    - Gr. 3-8 EOY Honor Roll Ceremonies- *Grades are in and it's time to celebrate our scholars in both their excellence and growth!*
    - 8th Grade Regents Pep Rally- *Exam time is upon us, and you know what that means?! It's time to get pumped!!!*
    - MS STEM and HUM Showcase- *Join us as Scholars will be showcasing all of the hard work in culminating EOY projects in both Humanities and STEM!*
    - Senior Bruch- *Wish our 8th Graders luck on their Mock Algebra 1 Regents!*
    - Kindergarten Stepping Up Ceremony + 8th Grade Graduation- *Join us in celebrating our Kindergartners and 8th grade graduates!*
    - 12th Grade Graduation- *Join us in celebrating our 12th grade graduates!*
- Reminders

- July Board Retreat July 26 Offsite venue (confirm attendance)
- Next month board meeting 5/22- confirm attendance in BOT

IV. Finance Committee Updates

A. General Updates

JK, shared the March Investment report

- Income & Accruals Total 37,749 26,833 64,582 favorable gains.

B. March Financials

JK, presented the March Financials

- 10,232,670 million current asset
- Total asset 44,736,870
- Enrollment has change increased
- 788 enrollment numbers as of 3/31
- YTD Rev 14,944,678
- Revenue (231, 000 per pupil and 407,813 Sped)
- Rental assistance favorable

V. External Relations Committee Update

A. External Relations Update

KS, shared there was no updates for the external relations updates.

VI. Nominating Committee Update

A. Nominating Committee Update

KS, shared there were no updates from the nominating committee.

B. Committee Annual Plan

KS, shared there were no updates from the committee.

VII. Education Committee Update

A. Education Committee Update

EC, shared there were no updates from the education committee.

VIII. Governance Committee Update

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Governance Committee Update

JB, shared the self board assessment. It's up and running. JB asked members to complete the assessment within the two week that has been allotted.

B. Trustee Goal Setting Reflection

JB, shared there were no updates from the governance committee.

C. Board Succession Plan

JB, shared there were no updates from the governance committee.

D. Annual Bylaw Review

JB, shared there were no updates from the governance committee.

IX. Public Comments

A. Public Comments

KS, shared there was no public comment for this evening.

X. 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 7:47 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
K. Shabazz