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Next Generation Charter Schools

Minutes

Board Meeting

Date and Time
Thursday October 23, 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
A. Khanyile (remote), E. Chen (remote), J. Boulet, J. Scott (remote), K. Shabazz (remote), M. Dorrie, N. Orakwue, S. Huda, T. Bryan (remote)

Trustees Absent
A. Bothner, D. Billing-Burford, K. Brisseau

Guests Present
A. Brown (remote), C. Polanco (remote), J. Keeney (remote), K. Davidson (remote), M. Alston (remote), M. Russell (remote), R. Johnson (remote), S. Kochar (remote), joi.culler@nngcs.org (remote)

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance and Guests

B. Call the Meeting to Order

K. Shabazz called a meeting of the board of trustees of Next Generation Charter Schools to order on Thursday Oct 23, 2025 at 6:43 PM.

C. Review the Agenda

KS, reviewed the agenda.

D. Approve Minutes

K. Shabazz made a motion to approve the minutes from Board Meeting on 09-25-25.
J. Boulet seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call	
A. Khanyile	Aye
M. Dorrie	Aye
A. Bothner	Absent
D. Billing-Burford	Absent
T. Bryan	Aye
J. Boulet	Aye
J. Scott	Aye
K. Brisseau	Absent
N. Orakwue	Aye
S. Huda	Aye

K. Shabazz made a motion to approve the minutes from September.
E. Chen seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

II. Mission and Pillars Board Reflection

A. Self Advocacy

SH, read and shared her perspective on the pillar of self advocacy.

III. School Update

A. Update from Executive Director

MR, shared the following;

- K-8 Staff Attendance Breakdown
  - Throughout our 21 day period, 9.59% of the lower school staff were tardy, based on a total staff count of 55 (116 total late occurrences).
  - In our 21 day period, 2.64% of the lower school staff were absent (32 total absences).
- 9-12 Staff Attendance Breakdown
  - Throughout our 21 day period, 14.94% of the high school staff were tardy, based on a total staff count of 28 (92 total late occurrences)

- In our 21 day period, 5.19% of the high school staff were absent (32 total absences).

• K-8 Scholar Attendance
- Student attendance had the highest rate at 92.62% on September 10 and the lowest at 85.69% on September 2. Despite minor dips during the month, attendance remained strong overall, showing consistent participation and engagement throughout September.

• High School Scholar Attendance
- Student attendance had the highest rate at 87.65% on September 30 and the lowest at 76.23% on September 23. Despite some dips during the month, attendance improved toward the end, showing stronger participation.

B. K-4 Update

JC, shared the following;

• Digital Safety Night
- Build Awareness: Families explore common technology use and online risks through interactive activities.
- Share Strategies: Parents exchange effective digital safety practices, creating a supportive community.
- Hands-On Learning: Participants practice using parental controls and reflect on building safe digital habits at home.

• F& P Beginning of Cycle 1
- Kinder:
  - Above Grade Level: 14.9%
  - Approaching Grade Level: 85.10%
  - Below Grade Level: 0.0%
- 1st:
  - Above Grade Level: 28%
  - Approaching Grade Level: 48% ·
  - Below Grade Level: 24%
- 2nd:
  - Above Grade Level: 23.10%
  - Approaching Grade Level: 23.10%
  - Below Grade Level: 53.80%
- 3rd:
  - Above Grade Level: 32%
  - Approaching Grade Level: 24% ·
  - Below Grade Level: 44%
- 4th:

        - Above Grade Level: 25%
        - Approaching Grade Level: 25% ·
        - Below Grade Level: 50%
    - This F&P cycle showed overall growth across all grades. Last year ended at ~45% on/above grade level (EOY), and this year is on track to surpass that with ~65% on/above at BOY.

C. 5-8 Update

KD, shared the following;

- F& P Beginning of Cycle 1
    - 5th:
        - Above Grade Level: 63%
        - Approaching Grade Level: 10.9%
        - Below Grade Level: 23.9%
    - 6th:
        - Above Grade Level: 42.59%
        - Approaching Grade Level: 29.63%
        - Below Grade Level: 27.78%
    - 7th
        - Above Grade Level: 36.76%
        - Approaching Grade Level: 32.25%
        - Below Grade Level: 30.88%
    - 8th
        - Above Grade Level: 60.78%
        - Approaching Grade Level: 5.88%
        - Below Grade Level: 33.33%

D. 9-12 Update

AB shared the following;

- Supporting Teachers
    - Observation and Feedback
- Critical Thinking
    - Close Observation and Analysis (Shared Principle)
        - CER- Claim Evidence Reasoning
- Board Configuration
    - Objectives
    - Vocabulary

- Scholar Check (Fosters Independence)
- Celebrating Families
  - Hispanic and Latinx Celebrating
  - Livestream-Instagram and Facebook
  - Families attended online and in-person

E. K-12 Operations Update

MA, shared the following;

- Enrollment
  - 884 Authorize Goal
  - 871 Current Enrollment
  - 916 Operation Goal
- Application
  - 25-26 (1186)
  - 26-27 (46)
- Recruiting
  - Bronx Terminal Fall Kids Fest
  - House Recruitment Day
  - Bronx Renaissance NYFW
  - NYCPS Small Business Expo
  - Participatory Budgeting Presentation
- Talent
  - HS ART Teacher
  - 9-12 Social Worker
  - 1st Grade Sped Teacher
- Hiring Needs
  - HS ELA
  - HS Biology
- Compliance
  - Annual Financial Report
  - BEDS Data
  - Teacher Certification
  - PD 6 (next month)
- Monthly Calendar
  - School Closure
    - 11/4 Election Day
    - 11/11 Veterans Day
    - 11/26- 11/28 Thanksgiving
- 11/5 Math IA # 1
- 11/6 ELA #1
- 11/13 & 11/14 Parent Teacher Conference

IV. Finance Committee Updates

A. Financial Audits

KB, Financial Auditor provided the following on the financial audit. See attachment.

B. September Financials

SR, shared the September financials. See attachment

C. Quarterly Investment Update

SR, shared the quarterly investment statement. See attachement

V. Nominating Committee Update

A. Nominating Committee Update

AB, nominating committee chair was not in attendance. There was no updates.

VI. Education Committee Update

A. Education Committee Update

EC, education committee chair was not in attendance. There were no updates.

VII. Governance Committee Update

A. Governance Committee Update

JB, shared deliverables are coming soon.

B. Trustee Goal Setting Reflection

VIII. Public Comments

A. Public Comments

KS, shared there was no public ocmment.

IX. 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 8:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
K. Shabazz