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Next Generation Charter Schools

Minutes

Board Meeting

Date and Time
Thursday May 28, 2026 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. Bothner, E. Chen (remote), J. Boulet (remote), J. Scott (remote), K. Brisseau (remote), K. Shabazz (remote), M. Dorrie (remote), T. Bryan (remote)

Trustees Absent
A. Khanyile, N. Orakwue, S. Huda

Guests Present
A. Brown (remote), C. Polanco (remote), J. Aviles (remote), J. Culler (remote), J. Keeney (remote), K. Davidson (remote), M. Alston (remote), M. Russell (remote), R. Johnson (remote), S. Kochar (remote), S. Rasheed (remote), Steven Almonte (remote)

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance and Guests

B. Call the Meeting to Order

A. Bothner called a meeting of the board of trustees of Next Generation Charter Schools to order on Thursday May 28, 2026 at 6:45 PM.

C. Review the Agenda

AB, reviewed this month agenda.

D. Approve Minutes

J. Boulet made a motion to approve the minutes from Board Meeting on 04-23-26.
J. Scott seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

II. Mission and Pillars Board Reflection

A. Self-Advocacy

KS, shared his reflection on self-advocacy. He witnessed students advocating for a respected space where love was a kind of elements. There was a level of empowerment and levels of students having independence.

III. School Update

A. Executive Director Updates

MR, shared updates on the following

- Throughout our **17 day period**, **10.92% of lower school staff were marked tardy**, based on a total staff count of 56 (104 total late occurrences).
- **Down from 14.97% in March.3.68%** of lower school staff were **marked absent** *(35 total absences)*. **Down from 4.51% in March**. 4/14 recorded the highest number of tardies with 15 teachers arriving late. 4/24 recorded the highest number of absences with 5 staff members out.
- Throughout our **17 day period**, **10.08% of high school staff were marked tardy**, based on a total staff count of 28 (48 total late occurrences). **Down from 13.79% in March.**
- **4.83%** of high school staff were **marked absent** *(23 total absences)*. **Down from 6.73% in March**. 4/14 recorded the highest number of tardies with 7 teachers arriving late. 4/27 and 4/28 recorded the highest number of absences with 4 staff members out each day.
- Student attendance **Increased** from **91.09% in March** to **92.7% in April.** Attendance had the highest rate at **95.13% on April 2nd** and the lowest at **87.09% on April 28th**
- Student attendance **Increased** from **81.42% in March** to **82.3% in April.** Attendance had the highest rate at **88.30% on April 23rd** and the lowest at **59.12% on April 2nd.**

B. K-4 Updates

KD, shared the following updates for jC K-4 principal

- Summer Shine Updates
  - Enhanced program
    - 1 extra hour this year
    - Greater enrichment opportunities for scholars
  - 174 scholars enrolled as of May 21
  - Rising 9th grade at High School
  - Fully staffed

C. 5-8 Updates

KD, shared the following updates

- iReady End of Year Exams emphasizing growth
- Interim Assessments emphasizing proficiency
- A busy June ahead
  - 5/29 I-Ready Math Assessment
  - 6/3 Science IA
  - 6/4 History IA
  - 6/5 ELA IA
  - 6/10 ELA
  - 6/11 Math IA
  - 6/17 Algebra 1 Regents
  - 6/18 Biology Regents
  - 6/22 Middle School Showcase

D. 9-12 Updates

AB, shared the following updates

- Saturday School
  - Providing targeting regents prep to algebra 1 and 2 along with geo
  - Spring dates 5/16, 5/23, 5/30, 6/6 snd 6/13
  - 20 students max per grade
  - 9-12pm
  - Attendance surged from 41 attendance first week to 59 second week
- Global destination of top 15 scholars
  - 1.1 million in total scholarship

- top 15 scholars secured substantial funding including full tuition awards

E. K-12 Operations Updates

MA, shared the following updates

- Scholar enrollment
  - 900 current enrollment
  - 884 authorizer goal
  - 914 operational goal
- Recruiting
  - Bronx night market 5/9
  - Harlem community filed day 5/16
  - District 16 youth day
- Talent
  - 5 Leaders
  - 3 Operations
  - 9 K-8 teachers
  - 11 9-12 teachers

IV. Finance Committee Updates

A. April Financials

T. Bryan made a motion to Approve April financials.
A. Bothner seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

B. Full Budget Review for Vote

T. Bryan made a motion to Approve full budget.
A. Bothner seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

V. Education Committee Update

A. Education Committee Update

EC, shared there are no updates.

VI. Public Comments

A. Public Comments

AB, shared there were no public comment.

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 8:27 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
A. Bothner