Bronx Global Learning Institute for Girls Charter School
The Shirley Rodriguez-Remeneski School
"Where Every Girl Is a Leader!"

Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, April 9, 2025
Time: 5:30 pm
Location: Virtual via Zoom
Notetaker: Laura Paulino, Administrative Assistant
*All items on the agenda are subject to a vote

BOT Members Present:
Dina Velez, Board Chair, Aurora Brice, Treasurer, Victoria Jenn Rodriguez, Secretary, Carla Anderson, Board Member, Millie Carrasquillo, Board Member, Alexandra De Leon, Board Member

Board Members Absent:
Cindy Truong, Vice Chair

BGLIG Staff Present:
Raven Obas, Executive Director

Welcome & Opening Remarks

*The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chair Dina Velez.
*Quorum confirmed by Chair Dina Velez.

Executive Director's Report — Raven Obas

- Recent School Happenings: Successful execution of Women's History Month events and in-school celebrations. Continued preparation for NYS state assessments with mock assessments and student readiness efforts. Spring student showcase and cultural enrichment activities are underway.
- Student Enrollment & Recruitment: BGLIG's application numbers continue to rise. BGLIG will participate in the Bronx Charter School Fair. The school is continuing efforts to reach its enrollment goals through outreach and engagement.
- Recent School Events & Community Engagement: Women's History Month was celebrated with guest speakers, including Judge Rosato and Board Member Victoria Rodriguez. Students participated in the Bronx Orchestra Festival and a visit to the Bronx Supreme Court, which included a presentation by Justice Sally Manson Daniels. Monthly student recognition events and cultural programming continue to support student morale and community connection.

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- SY26 Budget Update: Two budget models are being developed based on projected enrollment scenarios. Budget discussions also include staffing adjustments aligned with student needs and potential program expansion.
- State Testing Preparation & Events: State testing dates for ELA and math are scheduled for April 30 and May 8-9. Additionally, Spirit-building events, such as a pep rally and a cheer tunnel, are planned to encourage younger students. State testing is scheduled for late April and early May.
- Upcoming Events: Open House Registration and various student performances and athletic events are scheduled this spring. A student orchestra performance is scheduled for early May at Yankee Stadium. A date correction for this event was noted during the meeting.
- Sweet 16 Celebration Proposal**:** A celebration is being proposed to mark the school's 16th anniversary. Planning is underway to combine fundraising efforts with school contributions to support the event. Potential activities include a block party, family-friendly entertainment, and participation from community organizations. Further logistics and staff coordination are in development.

Academic Committee Report — Dina Velez, Board Chair

- The Academic Committee met with the Executive Director to complete her mid-year evaluation. Additionally, planning is underway for the upcoming school year, including professional development and instructional priorities. The Committee noted strong leadership and proactive preparation for August initiatives.

Financial Committee Reports — Victoria Jenn Rodriguez, Secretary

- The finance committee briefly discussed initial planning for the upcoming Board Retreat, ongoing enrollment efforts, and a proposed Sweet 16 school celebration, as presented by the Executive Director.
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Public Comment

- No public comments were made.

Motions — Dina Velez, Board Chair

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- Motion to approve February 2025 BOT Meeting Minutes: Dina Velez
  - ❖ Seconded by: Victoria Rodriguez
  - ❖ Motion passed unanimously.
- Motion to approve March 2025 BOT Meeting Minutes: Dina Velez
  - ❖ Seconded by: Victoria Rodriguez
  - ❖ Motion passed unanimously.

Executive Session

Motion to enter Executive Session made by Dina Velez
Seconded by Carla Anderson. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to adjourn Executive Session : made by Dina Velez
Seconded by Carla Anderson. Motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the Board of Trustees meeting by Dina Velez.
Seconded by Carla. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned.

Next Board of Trustees Meeting: Wednesday, May 14, 2025