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, May 14, 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, Victoria Jenn Rodriguez, Secretary, Millie Carrasquillo, Board Member, Carla Anderson, Board Member, Alexandra De Leon, Board Member, Shermira Ellison, PTO President

BGLIG Staff Present:
Raven Obas, Executive Director

Board Members Absent:
Cindy Truong, Vice Chair, and Aurora Brice, Treasurer

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 school-wide events were held, including the State Test Pep Rally and Cheer Tunnel, which motivated students. Administration of 3rd–8th Grade ELA & Math State Exams. High School Acceptance Celebration. Visit from Justice Sallie Manzanet-Daniels and student field trip to Bronx Civil Court—student performance at Yankee Stadium. Teacher Appreciation Week is celebrated schoolwide—additional visits from Michelle Remeneski Billitteri and Sobeida Cruz.
- Enrollment & Budget Development: The SY26 budget is currently in draft form, with continued meetings with Lizbeth and Stephanie. Ongoing student recruitment efforts include: Monthly open houses and a special evening open house + book fair scheduled for May 15. The Summer Rise program is being promoted to incoming students. Ongoing family outreach for incomplete applications. Tabling partnership with BronxCares continues

weekly. Partnership efforts expanded to six local daycares via Ms. Batista. Underdogs are canvassing and phone banking in full swing. Sweet 16 invitations are used as both a celebration and a recruitment tool. An internal ITR Survey Has Been launched to guide student retention strategies.

- Upcoming Events: May 15: Open House & Book Fair, May 15–16: 5th & 8th Grade Science State Tests, May 22: Courthouse trip with Justice Manzanet-Daniels, May 23: Franklin H. Williams Commission Visit, May 28: Talent Show, May 31: Sweet 16 Celebration
- Sweet 16 Community Celebration: Scheduled for Saturday, May 31, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., BronxCares pledged $3,000 to cover the entertainment costs. The NYPD will provide a rock climbing wall and security support. Activities include carnival games, bounce houses, face painting, and performances from the orchestra, step, and dance teams—Bronx News to provide media coverage. Tabling partners include: NY Edge, BronxCares, Healthfirst, 100 Hispanic Women Inc., and Family businesses.
- Case for Support Training — Leya Miller: Leya facilitated a strategic donor development session with the Board. Training covered framing BGLIG's mission for external audiences and philanthropic partners. Board members brainstormed names for donor outreach and discussed strategies for one-on-one follow-ups, with emphasis placed on achieving 100% board giving and refining fundraising messaging.

Academic Committee Report — Dina Velez, Board Chair

- Tabled

Finance Committee Report — Cindy Truong, Vice Chair

- Tabled

Public Comment

- No public comments were made.

Executive Session

Motion to enter Executive Session made by Dina Velez.

Seconded by Carla Anderson.. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to exit 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 Anderson. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned.

Next Board of Trustees Meeting: Wednesday, June 18, 2025