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, September 17, 2025
Time: 5:30 PM
Location: Virtual via Zoom
Notetaker: Laura Paulino, Executive Assistant

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

BGLIG Staff Present:
Raven Obas, Executive Director

Board Member Absent:

Welcome & Opening Remarks
*The meeting was called to order at 5:33 PM by Chair Dina Velez.
*Quorum confirmed by Chair Dina Velez.

Executive Director's Report < Raven Obas >

- **Recent School Happenings:** The school year launched with strong energy and a positive tone. Staff commitment to "raising the bar" was highlighted as the year's theme. Students performed at the 100 Hispanic Women Gala, receiving significant recognition and an invitation for a PIX 11 news feature to be filmed at the school next week.

- **Student Enrollment Data:** The current enrollment stands at 358 students. Enrollment is stable and continues to trend positively, positioning the school well to meet its goals for the year.

- **State Test Data Review:** BGLIG saw 10–15% increases in proficiency across ELA, Math, and Science, with significant gains in fourth-grade ELA and eighth-grade science. Plans are underway to include citywide and statewide comparisons in future reporting.

- **Compliance Reporting Update:** All major August submissions were completed, and the team is preparing for the upcoming fall reporting requirements to ensure continued compliance.

- **Upcoming Events:** Open School Night (September 18), PIX 11 feature taping (September 22), Literacy Week (week of October 6), inviting trustees and partners to participate, and the Orchestra performance at the Franklin H. Williams street-naming ceremony (October 22).

Committee Reports:
Academic Committee Report < Dina Velez, Board Chair >

- The committee acknowledged strong academic growth from the prior year and reviewed plans for upcoming assessments, including expanded bilingual supports. Discussions centered on maintaining momentum, setting ambitious projections, and continuing to exceed performance benchmarks. Dina acknowledged the staff present and thanked them for their hard work over the last few years to help our girls achieve academic improvements.

Finance Committee Report < Millie Carrasquillo, Treasurer >

- The committee reviewed overall budget pacing and discussed strategies to ensure spending aligns with projections. Focus areas included optimizing vendor relationships and reallocating funds to support priority initiatives. An updated budget will be shared in the next reporting cycle for improved forecasting.

Board Nominations Committee Report < Victoria Jenn Rodriguez, Vice Chair >

- Updates were provided on prospective trustee candidates and the progress of school visit scheduling. The committee is refining the onboarding process to ensure new members are well prepared, with next steps focused on presenting fully vetted candidates for board consideration.

Board Matters < Dina Velez, Board Chair >

- **Revised BGLIG Board Bylaws:** A clean, updated version reviewed by all board members.
- **Next BOT Meeting:** The next Board of Trustees meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 15, 2025, at 5:30 PM.

Public Comment

- No public comment.

Motions < Dina Velez, Board Chair >

- **Motion to Approve: August 2025 BOT Meeting Minutes**
  - Seconded by Victoria Jenn Rodriguez.
  - The motion passed unanimously.
- **Motion to Approve: Revised BGLIG Board Bylaws**
  - Seconded by Carla Anderson
  - The motion passed unanimously.

Executive Session

Dina Velez made a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss the fundraising update, the UFT update, and the personnel update. Victoria Jenn Rodriguez seconds. Motion passed unanimously at 6:22 PM.

Dina Velez made a motion to exit the Executive Session. Victoria Jenn Rodriguez seconds. Motion passed unanimously at 7:39 PM.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM.

The next Board Meeting will be held: Oct 15, 2025 (5:30 - 6:30 PM)