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, March 18, 2026
Time: 5:30 PM
Location: Virtual via Zoom
Notetaker: Laura Paulino, Executive Assistant

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

BGLIG Staff Present: Kevin Morris, Interim Executive Director

Board Member Absent: Shermira Ellison (excused absence) and Dina Velez (excused absence)

I. Welcome & Opening Remarks

*The meeting was called to order at 5:34 PM by Board Chair Victoria Jenn Rodriguez.
*Quorum confirmed by Millie Carrasquillo.

II. Roll Call by Carla Anderson

III. Interim Executive Director's Report < Kevin Morris >

A. **School Updates & Programming:** March has been an active month with strong programming and external engagement. The school hosted external partners following prior engagement, with ongoing discussions around potential collaboration. A Women's History Month panel featuring women leaders was held, with high student engagement and participation. The Black History program was successfully held after being rescheduled due to the weather. Upcoming and ongoing events include participation in the Bronx Music Festival, the Spring Show featuring a guest artist, and the confirmed Yankee Stadium performance, where students will perform the National Anthem.

B. **Current Enrollment & Outreach Efforts:** Enrollment remains stable at 341 students, with a strong number of applications received for the upcoming school year, including a notable portion at the kindergarten level. A recent Open House was well-attended, with many prospective kindergarten families. Intent-to-return data indicates a high percentage of families plan to return, with transportation cited as the primary concern among those uncertain. The school's lottery is scheduled for April 1, with continued focus on post-lottery follow-up and enrollment conversion.

C. **Staff Highlights:** Staff members were recognized for leadership and contributions during operational transitions. The Grades 3–5 instructional team was specifically acknowledged for demonstrating strong academic growth and improved performance trends.

D. **Academic Updates:** Student performance data reflect positive growth trends across subject areas. English Language Arts proficiency has shown notable improvement, while math outcomes indicate a decrease in the number of students performing significantly below grade level. Growth is largely attributed to strengthened instructional practices and data-driven interventions, particularly within Grades 3–5.

E. **Assessment & Testing Updates:** Mock assessments have been completed, with data analysis scheduled to inform final preparation for state exams. State testing will be conducted in a computer-based format, with ELA scheduled for April 28–29, Math for May 12–13, and Science for May 5. Instruction continues to align with digital testing expectations.

F. **Finance & Policy Updates:** A proposed fiscal policy update was introduced to strengthen oversight of larger contracts, requiring additional approval from both school and Board leadership (with certain exceptions). The policy will be reviewed and brought forward for approval at the next Board meeting.

IV. Committee Reports:

Academic Committee Report < Carla Anderson >

The Academic Committee discussed testing readiness and instructional progress. A testing integrity incident was reviewed and addressed appropriately, reinforcing the importance of monitoring within a digital testing environment. Future discussions will focus on curriculum planning and establishing a clear standard of academic excellence.

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Finance Committee Report < Millie Carrasquillo, Treasurer >

The Finance Committee discussed ongoing financial planning priorities, including facilities strategy (relocation vs. remaining in the current space), investment considerations, and long-term sustainability. Additional data is needed to support decision-making. Insurance review efforts are underway, with a transition toward an integrated provider. Financial operations continue to strengthen with improved reporting clarity and forecasting.

PTO Report < Tabled >

- The PTO report was tabled due to scheduling constraints.

V. Board Matters < Victoria Jenn Rodriguez, Board Chair >

- **Next BOT Meeting:** The next Board of Trustees meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 18, at 5:30 PM.
- **Board Appreciation & Visit Friday, Mar 27, 2026:** The upcoming Board visit was discussed, including a student performance, classroom visits, staff engagement, strategic planning discussion, and attendance at the Spring Show

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VI. Public Comment

- No public comments were received during this meeting.

VII. Motions

- Motion to approve February 2026 Board Meeting Minutes — motion made by Victoria Jenn Rodriguez.
    - Seconded by Millie Carrasquillo
    - The motion passed unanimously.

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VIII. Executive Session

Victoria Jenn Rodriguez made a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss the Board Member Recruitment efforts and UFT. Millie Carrasquillo seconds. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously at 6:13 PM.

Victoria Jenn Rodriguez made a motion to exit Executive Session. Seconded by Millie Carrasquillo. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously at 7:00 PM.

IX. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:00 PM made by Victoria Jenn Rodriguez, seconded by Millie Carrasquillo. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

The next Board Meeting will be held: Wednesday, Apr 15, 2026 (5:30 - 7:00 PM)