



Amber Charter Schools

Minutes

Board Retreat & August Board Meeting

Date and Time

Tuesday August 12, 2025 at 8:30 AM

Location

University of Mount Saint Vincent, 6301 Riverdale Ave, Bronx, NY 10471, USA

Trustees Present

Amador Centeno, Brad Olsen (remote), John Gutierrez, Li'Esha Garcia, Luina Munoz-BlueSpruce, Soledad Hiciano, Timothy Day

Trustees Absent

Khiera Pena, Kim Ramos, Lindsay Marino Long, Miguelina German, Robyn Epps

Guests Present

Christine Ganey, Clarisse Alvarado, Kirsys Gomez, Sashemani Elliott, Veronica Almedina

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

John Gutierrez called a meeting of the board of trustees of Amber Charter Schools to order on Tuesday Aug 12, 2025 at 3:29 PM.

C. Check-In

II. Distraction-Free Policy

A. Distraction-Free Policy

Li'Esha Garcia made a motion to Approve a distraction-free policy.

Amador Centeno seconded the motion.

- We are only receiving money for 7th- 12th grade, which is about \$1,166. We purchased cube storage to hold students' cell phones.
- Students with IEPs who need their phones will be allowed to have them.
- The cell phone policy will state what consequences they will have for having cell phones on in school.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

III. Annual review of the District School Safety policy

A. Annual review of the District School Safety policy

Timothy Day made a motion to Annual review of the District School Safety Policy.

Li'Esha Garcia seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

IV. For Review

A. Board & Committee Meeting Dates SY25-26

- Co-CEO noted the change in the September board meeting and the change in October due to the audit. June was also adjusted to have sufficient time to look over the i-Ready results.
- The meeting locations changed this year. We have more meetings in East Harlem and Kingsbridge.

V. Board Chair Report

A. Monthly Report

- Vice Chair of ACS, Amador Centeno, will be stepping down in October. He was offered a new job in Tennessee.

VI. Closing Items

A. Approve Minutes

B. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 3:39 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Gutierrez

Amador Centeno made a motion to Adjourn meeting.

Luina Munoz-BlueSpruce seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.