



**Amber Charter School
June Board Minutes
June 12, 2024**

MEETING CHAIR:

Amador Centeno

MEETING SCRIBE:

Clarisse Alvarado

MEETING LOCATION: Inwood Elementary, 532 W 215th St, New York, NY 10034

ATTENDANCE:

Board: Amador Centeno, Tim Day, Robyn Epps, Li'Esha Garcia, Miguelina German, Luina Muñoz-BlueSpruce, Brad Olsen, Khiera Peña

Staff: Veronica Almedina, Maria Almeida, Clarisse Alvarado, Rose Castillo, Sashemani Elliott, Christine Ganey, Kirsys Gomez, Meirelys Ruiz, Francina Yaw-Costello

Guests: Dan Barnes, Dan Cobleigh, Stephanie Cobleigh, Michael Stopler

Absent: Dr. John Gutierrez, Soledad Hiciano, Lindsay Marino Long, Kim Ramos

Call to Order

Amador called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm

I. Inwood Facility Update by Stephanie & Dan Cobleigh, Tungsten Development

Services, Dan Barnes, JK Blum & Michael Stolper, Board Chair of Amber Education

Fund

- Dan Barnes from JK Blum presented a summary of the repairs needed for Inwood's roof and facade repair project.
 - He reported that the main roof, north setback roofs, east and west roof sections, masonry facade, and concrete roof need repairs.
- The representative presented recommendations for fixing the roof and facade. He reported that the project will cost up to \$1,460,000 and can take six months to complete.

II. Motion to move into Executive Session at 6:37 PM

- Move: Miguelina
- Second: Li'Esha

- Aye: All
- Nay: None
- Abstain: None

III. Motion to exit Executive Session at 6:58 PM

- Move: Li'Esha
- Second: Brad
- Aye: All
- Nay: None
- Abstain: None

IV. Motion to process with Inwood repairs as discussed with Michael Stolper in the executive session

- Move: Miguelina
- Second: Li'Esha
- Aye: All
- Nay: None
- Abstain: None

V. i-Ready Spring Diagnostics Results

- The MDA reported on the Network Spring Diagnostic May 2024 results.
- The Co-CEO reported the sub-groups results for the Spring Diagnostic.
- The Inwood Principal reported on the ELA & Math Spring results for the school.
- The Kingsbridge Elementary Acting Principal reported on the ELA & Math Spring results for the school.
- The Kingsbridge Middle School Principal reported on the ELA & Math Spring results for the school.
- The East Harlem Principal reported on the ELA & Math Spring results for the school.
- A board member suggested seeing the results for the 5th grade cohort for Kingsbridge Middle school.
- A board member suggested giving the students who were three grades below in iReady a summer packet or summer iReady courses they can complete.

VI. Co-CEO Report

- Co-CEO reported East Harlem is pending DOB permits to commence on the stairs & oil tank project.
- Inwood and Kingsbridge Middle School roof project has been sent to 5 vendors and the roof probe testing has been completed.
- Co-CEO participated in Civic Builders panel discussion.
- Co-CEO has been invited to the National Charter Schools Conference in July to participate in a panel discussion alongside Equity Facilities Fund and CSBM.
- Pedro Martinez Foundation came to Inwood and Kingsbridge Elementary School for a tour. They are opening one of the first charter schools in the Dominican Republic.
 - It will be a K-12 school attached to a medical facility. They want to focus on social-emotional needs and sports complex. They are opening in 2025.
- Co-CEO is invited to meet monthly with BLACC Excellence Task Force. They are focusing on 7 pillars of excellence and using a rubric on how to measure success.

VII. Kingsbridge Middle School Principals Report- Reported by Mia Thomas

- KBMS Principal reported the high schools the graduates have been accepted to. One of the students has been accepted to Fordham Prep with a scholarship.
- Coach Tim helped the 8th grade prepare for the TACHS exam.
- A board member suggested that KBMS think of how to use Coach Tim's support for next year's 8th grade cohort.
- KBMS Principal reported the spanish teacher had a cooking night and they made arepas and they designed tshirts of where they are from.

VIII. Kingsbridge Elementary Principal Report- Reported by Maria Almeida

- KBES Principal presented pictures of Olympic day and shared about the excitement the students and families had. They had about 70 parent volunteers.
- They had a spelling bee. The KBES Principal shared the kindergarteners went up to second grade words and the students celebrated each other.
- Leadership club ended today.

IX. Inwood Elementary Principal Report- Francina Yaw-Costello

- Inwood Principal reported that a professional film crew came and they interviewed the students and staff.
- The Co-CEOs were mystery readers for a kindergarten class.

X. East Harlem Principal Report- Meirelys Ruiz

- East Harlem Principal reported they had a Maker's fair for 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade. The students were able to make inventions that could help their families and communities.

XI. Board Chair Report

- Board Chair Renewals, Tim Day, Brad Olsen, & Lindsay Marino Long

XII. Motion to approve the renewal of Tim Day, Brad Olsen, and Lindsay Marino Long's term

- Move: Miguelina
 - Second: Li'Esha
 - Aye: All
 - Nay: None
 - Abstain: None
-
- The Vice-Chair reviewed the Board Meeting Calendar for SY 24-25

XIV. Motion to Approve May Board Minutes

- Move: Brad
- Second: Kheira
- Aye: All
- Nay: None
- Abstain: None

XV. Motion to adjourn the meeting

- Move: Li'Esha
- Second: Brad
- Aye: All
- Nay: None
- Abstain: None

The meeting adjourned at 8:18 PM