



Amber Charter Schools

Minutes

March Board Meeting

Date and Time

Wednesday March 11, 2026 at 6:00 PM

Location

Amber Charter School Kingsbridge- 3120 Corlear Ave, Bronx, NY 10463

Trustees Present

John Gutierrez, Khiera Pena, Kim Ramos, Li'Esha Garcia, Luina Munoz-BlueSpruce, Miguelina German, Robyn Epps, Soledad Hiciano, Timothy Day

Trustees Absent

Brad Olsen, Lindsay Marino Long

Guests Present

Christine Ganey, Clarisse Alvarado, Emily Griffin, Kirsys Gomez, Rose Castillo, 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 Wednesday Mar 11, 2026 at 6:13 PM.

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Check-In

II. Facilities Committee

A. Updates

- Co-CEO and MDO shared facilities updates for our East Harlem campus.
 - The MDO shared that we will start the water main project and plan to complete it by April.
 - MDO explained that the water main is slowly rusting. We will have four projects for the facade. This includes waterproofing the sidewalk and fixing the cellar bathrooms.
 - The board secretary asked about how we will pay for the projects. The board chair replied that the Amber Education Fund will provide the funds for the repairs.
 - We plan to have someone inform us of where the building stands after these projects. This can happen at all schools for future projects.
 - The board member asked whether this would affect students during the day, and the MDO replied that construction would be minimal during the school day.

John Gutierrez made a motion to Vote to get vendors, estimates, and move forward with the projects.

Kim Ramos seconded the motion.

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

III. Finance Committee

A. Updates

The Co-CEO provided the board with a finance committee mid-year check-in.

- We currently have 1250 students enrolled, which is more than last year at this time.
- Net operating income projected for the end of the year: \$101,000.
- The board member asked how many months we can sustain being open with our current cash income. The co-CEO responded that we would be able to support 4.6 months.
- The board secretary asked if we could look into birth rates to help us with our enrollment struggles.

IV. Co-CEO Report

A. Monthly Update

- The co-CEO shared pictures of the Board Open House at KB and EH.

- The co-CEO announced our partnership with Lion Chaser Media. An actress is making a small documentary. She is showing how to use technology to make a movie. Alma's way, the voice of Alma, is her daughter.
- The co-CEO excitedly announced that 89% of 8th-grade students received an offer to their first choice.
 - One student received a full scholarship for Spellman for all 4 years. 3 others got partial scholarships. 10 students are going to Spellman.
- The Co-CEO thanked board member Li-Esha for providing space at her school for our leadership retreat.
- We received the draft SUNY renewal recommendation report. They are recommending a 5-year renewal with a condition. Highlighted all staff and board present. The official vote with the SUNY Board of Trustees Committee will occur on April 7th. The board chair commended the co-CEOs on their great work and leadership in securing the 5-year renewal.
- Co-CEO highlighted MDO's selection to present at the CSGF COO Convening to operations leaders ON "How a Facility Audit Can Level Up Your Operations".

V. Board Chair Report

A. Monthly Report

- The board chair thanked the board secretary for chairing the last two meetings.
- The board chair highlighted our MDO's passion project, "Tres Mariposas," and thanked her for supporting the Latino community.

John Gutierrez made a motion to Executive Session.

Li'Esha Garcia seconded the motion.

Personnel Matter

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

John Gutierrez made a motion to End Executive Session.

Li'Esha Garcia seconded the motion.

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

VI. Closing Items

A. Approve Minutes

Li'Esha Garcia made a motion to approve the minutes from February Board Meeting on 02-11-26.

Miguelina German seconded the motion.

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

B. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:13 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
John Gutierrez