



# **BRONX ACADEMY OF PROMISE**

## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

### **August 11, 2026**

**Location:** Virtual via Google Meet

#### **ATTENDANCE**

- **Present:** Rev. Michael Carrion (Chairman), Carlibi Rojas, Glenn Corwin, Kevin Kearns
- **Excused:** Dennis Sze, Agatha Akyere

#### **OPENING REMARKS**

- **Call to Order:** Rev. Michael Carrion called the meeting to order at 6:06 PM.
- **Approval of Minutes:** The board unanimously adopted the minutes from the July 2026 Board Meeting.

#### **SCHOOL LEADER'S REPORT – PRINCIPAL NICHOLAS PARRINO**

##### **Enrollment**

- **Total Enrollment:** 636 K–8 Students (*690 including 54 Pre-K students*)
- **Special Education (SpED):** 134 students (21%)
- **English Language Learners (ELL):** 173 students (27%)

##### **Staff Updates**

- **Personnel Departures:**
  - Kindergarten Teacher
  - 7th & 8th Grade SpED Teacher
- **New Hires:**
  - **Tyler Rivers (High School Teacher):** Brings strong ELA expertise and a solid understanding of developing the evolving 9th-grade curriculum. Demonstrated exceptional performance in prior roles; administrative team anticipates high value and contribution.
  - **Ruth Camilleri (Pre-K / Kindergarten Coordinator):** Returning to BAOP to support and coach early childhood educators. Focus areas include fostering a structured, compassionate, and nurturing environment tailored to young learners. Her role

will emphasize proactive intervention and support for students rather than reactive measures.

- **Positions to Be Filled:**

- (2) 7th/8th Grade SS/ELA SpED Teachers
- (2) 6th Grade Teachers (*1 General Education, 1 SpED*)
- (1) 2nd Grade SpED Teacher
- **School Chef:** Final hiring decision expected by the end of the week. Two strong candidates are currently under review, including a professional chef who is the grandson of the founder of Sylvia's Restaurant.

### **School Updates / Curriculum & Instruction**

- **Planning for Summer Events:**

- **July 21, 2026:** High School BBQ (*19 students attended; turnout impacted by inclement weather*)
- **August 18, 2026:** BAOP Community Day (*22 families expected to attend*)
- **August 26, 2026:** Staff Return / Professional Development (*Focus theme: "Power of One!"*)
- **August 28, 2026:** Professional Development Day
  - *Activities:* Lunch awards, team games, Chinese auction, and prize giveaways.
  - *Board Note:* Principal Parrino extended an invitation for Board members to attend and connect with returning staff.
- **September 10, 2026:** First Day of School for Students

### **Board Meeting Dates: 2026–2027**

- September 15, 2026
- October 13, 2026
- November 10, 2026
- December 8, 2026
- January 12, 2027
- February 9, 2027
- March 16, 2027
- April 13, 2027
- May 11, 2027
- June 8, 2027

### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**

- **Curriculum & Identity Mapping:** Ongoing collaboration alongside Dr. Jane and Nancy

Jimenez regarding curriculum mapping, while also assisting in the creation of identity mapping frameworks.

- **Community Partnerships:** Active engagement with the Clean Water Partnership to foster hands-on student involvement and practical learning opportunities.
- **Family Engagement:** Partnering with Parent Coordinator Ms. Montia to expand and strengthen the Parent Breakfast initiative.
- **New Grant Updates:**
  - *Inquiry:* Status of recently awarded grant funding.
  - *Response:* A representative is visiting tomorrow to review requested technology items for purchase. The school is currently awaiting the official release of grant funds to execute purchases.
- **After-School Program Updates:**
  - *Inquiry:* Status of the newly structured after-school program.
  - *Response:* Donald is collaborating with Rachel Osias, HRA, and school leadership to streamline the program under a single umbrella vendor, unifying coordination across partner groups and establishing a central point of contact. The program is funded and administered through HRA, and the team is actively working on family enrollment.
  - *Operational Note:* As the program operates through HRA, unannounced compliance inspections will occur to review student participation rates, building safety requirements, and overall operational standards.

#### **BUSINESS REPORT**

- None at this time.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- None at this time.

#### **PUBLIC EXPRESSIONS**

- No public comments were presented.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

- The meeting was adjourned at 6:36 PM and moved to Executive Session.