



**BELA**  
Brooklyn Emerging Leaders Academy

Minutes of a meeting of the Board of Trustees of  
Brooklyn Emerging Leaders Academy Charter School  
April 4, 2017

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Brooklyn Emerging Leaders Academy Charter School was held at 111 Broadway SUNY Charter Center on April 4, 2017 at 6:30 PM local time pursuant to notice given.

The following Trustees were present:  
Dr. Andre Mc Kenzie - Board Chair  
Tiffany Rothenberg - Vice Board Chair  
Diane Nathaniel - Board Secretary  
Michael Lackwood - Board Treasurer  
Alma Mends - Board Member  
Sister Janet Kinney - Board Member  
Keara Smalls - Board Member

Nicia Fullwood, Shannon Riley, guest Melissa D'Andrea, VP of Girls Inc NYC, were also present at the meeting. Andre McKenzie, the Board Chair presided over the meeting and Diane Nathaniel, Board Secretary recorded the minutes. All of the participants were able to speak and be heard and were deemed to be present at the meeting pursuant to the School's bylaws.

After noting that a quorum was present, Dr. McKenzie called the meeting to order.

### **Resolutions**

#### District 16 Elementary & MS STEM Fair

1. The following motion was made by Keara Smalls to sponsor the D16 MS Science Fair to be held at Madiba Prep Middle School, April 16, 2017. BELA will Co-Sponsor by donating 500.00 to Principal Ann Marie Malcolm.

Motion: Keara Smalls  
Second: Michael Lackwood  
Unanimous Vote  
Motion Passed

#### Approval of March Minutes

1. The following motion was made to approve March minutes.



Motion: Keara Smalls  
Second: Tiffany Rothenberg  
Unanimous Vote  
Motion Passed

#### School Calendar

1. The following motion was made to accept the school calendar. BELA will not run on the same schedule as the DOE.

Motion: Sister Janet McKinney  
Second: Keara Smalls  
Unanimous Vote  
Motion passed

#### General Updates

##### Governance Committee

Presenter: Alma Mends  
Suggested Conference call once a month in addition to the meeting.  
Alma discussed the results from the survey.  
Officers need to look at the google docs for board officers description.

##### After-school Provider Presentation

Presenter: Melissa D'Andrea from Girls Inc. NYC.  
Provided overview of mission and vision of organization.

##### Academic Committee

Presenter: Nicole Charette  
Screeners are being confirmed and will roll out at next board meeting.  
Screeners are the beginning of the year assessments that will be used to create the schedule for BELA Girls.  
Tiffany had a question about the flexibility of the calendar.  
BELA will assess the calendar at the end of the year to see if changes need to be made.

##### External Affairs

Presenter: Shannon Riley  
Shannon asked for feedback on the development deck.  
Shannon informed the board of the Uniform amount this is \$90.00 for the skirt, blouse and blazer and \$30.00 for the gym set, totaling \$120.00.

##### Enrollment

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Tiffany had a question about the selection process, Shannon explained that we had a lottery which took place at 4:30 PM, 31 waitlisted.

BELA will host an Admitted Students event after the Lottery, on Thursday, April 19th at Weekesville Heritage Center at 5:00 PM.

All Board Members are asked to be in attendance.

School Leader Report

Presenter: Nicia Fullwood

We will be located in MS 57 we don't know the floor we will be on yet.

Principal Darby of Global Finance had been receptive to BELA joining the school building.

Attorneys, Mayer and Brown are working on our technology policy and FOIL LAW.

This concludes our formal approval portion of the meeting.

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:02

Motion: Tiffany Rothenberg

Second: Sister Janet McKinney

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Nathaniel

Board Secretary

APPROVED:

Dr. André McKenzie

Board Chair

