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DCS BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MARCH 19, 2026
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Notice was provided at www.diamondcharterschool.org on March 19, 2026 @ 5:08 p.m. est. The meeting was convened via Zoom pursuant to the New York State Open Meetings Law and its amendments.

Board members in attendance:

Ismael Colon, Chairperson
Florence Adu, Vice Chair
Steph Hague, Secretary
Maurice Benson, Treasurer
Dawn Terrazas, Member
Amy Ruck Kagan, Member

Staff in attendance:

Mark Crusante, Executive Director

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND PRINCIPAL REPORT

Yaniree Valencia, Family Life Coordinator
Kamla Wallace, Operations Director
Renee Hynes, Principal

Executive Director:

-Canvassing continues to try and get as many students as possible.
-During Departmental Reports, various Heads will be reporting on topics

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-Push back from Long Island School Districts. Families have been discouraged from applying to Diamond. To combat this, we are conducting Open Houses and social media.
-Need to educate prospective parents, marketing video and landing

COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT REPORTS

~~Recruiting prospective teachers~~

Principal:

-Parent outreach continues. Spoke to current families. Newsletters being sent out.
-Mock classroom being put together
-Invoicing for testing has begun (e.g NYSELAT)
-Utilizing Sparkhire for candidates

Marketing/External Affairs:

-Tracker has been shared with Board members
-Visits with Business Community, Local Daycares, etc.

Operations:

-Working on Exterior Signage
-Ordering items we NEED and not want
-RFP will be issued

Education:

-Items covered in Principal Report

Finance:

-CSP Budget has been shared
-Looking or examining which line items can be transferred
-Transportation is an issue and what outlets are there

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Next meeting: TBD

NO BUSINESS WAS CONDUCTED UNDER EXECUTIVE SESSION.
MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:23 P.M.

I, Stephanie Hague , duly appointed Secretary of the Board of Trustees of Diamond Charter School, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of minutes duly adopted by the Board at a meeting held on the 19th day of March 2025, at which a quorum was present.

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Stephanie Hague, Secretary of the Board

CERTIFICATION

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