DIAMOND
CHARTER SCHOOL

DCS BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MAY 1, 2026
DRAFT MINUTES

Notice was provided at www.diamondcharterschool.org on May 1, 2026 @ 7:10 p.m. est. The meeting was convened via Zoom pursuant to the New York State Open Meetings Law and its amendments.

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Cliff Schneider
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Board members in attendance:

Florence Adu, Vice Chair
Steph Hague, Secretary
Maurice Benson, Treasurer
Dawn Terrazas, Member

Staff in attendance:

Mark Crusante, Executive Director
Terrence McLean, Director of External Affairs

Presentation by Barrone Management for 131 Fulton Avenue

Kamla Wallace, Operations Director
Renee Hynes, Principal

-Plans shared with Board of Trustees and Staff on status for construction on 131 Fulton Avenue, Hempstead NY 11550.
-Goal is to begin construction by July 2026 to be completed no later than January 2028.
-Amendment to the Lease seeking Board of Trustees approval requested.

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Review of Proposed 504 Policy

-Motion to approve policy by Dawn Terrazas
-Seconded by Maurice Benson
Motion carried: 4-0

Review of Diamond Charter School of Enrollment Policy

COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT REPORTS

-Seconded by Dawn Terrazas
Motion carried: 4--0

Review of Diamond Charter School of Financial Practices Manual

-Motion to approve policy by Maurice Benson
-Seconded by Dawn Terrazas
Motion carried: 4-0

Principal:

-Completed Title I eligibility
-Model classroom completed
-Open Houses being offered weekly
-Utilizing Sparkhire for candidates
-Science and Social Studies connections with regard to literacy

Operations:

Adoption and Approval of Policies

Committee

Admissions/External Affairs:

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CERTIFICATION

-Canvass Tracker shared with Board
-Working in partnership with Overton Academy

-Motion to go into Executive Sessionby Maurice Benson
-Seconded by Dawn Terrazas
Motion carried: 5-0

NO RESOLUTIONS OR APPROVALS WERE TAKEN IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

NO BUSINESS WAS CONDUCTED UNDER EXECUTIVE SESSION. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:52 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.

MOTION TO MEET IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

Stephanie Hague, Secretary of the Board

MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING