



BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
The Academy Charter School 2 (Wyandanch)
January 2026

Date: Monday, January 26, 2026

Time: 6:30 pm – 6:45pm

Location: 100 Charles Lindbergh Blvd, Uniondale NY 11553

Facilitator: Robert Stewart, Chairman of the Board of Trustees

TRUSTEES PRESENT: Robert Stewart, Chairman
Dawn West, Vice Chairman
Claudette Harrison, Trustee
Carol Beckles, Trustee
Roderick Roberts, Trustee
Marie Graham, Trustee
Dorothy Burton, Trustee
Stephen Rowley, Trustee

OTHERS PRESENT: Donna Douglas, Senior Director of Operations
Travis Holloway, Deputy Chief Academic Officer
Sandrea Oneil, Chief Legal & Compliance Officer
Alwayne Burke, Group Chief Financial Officer
Yuriy Barskiy, Human Capital Operations Director
Racquel Chippy, Marketing Director

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Robert Stewart at 6:30pm.

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the last meeting was reviewed and approved.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment recorded.

4. REPORTS

The following reports were presented:

a) **President Report**

Presenter: Donna Douglas, Senior Director of Operations (on behalf of the President)

The Board received an update specific to the growth and expansion status of TACS 2 and its future campuses:

- Confirmation that Charter School Growth Fund funding was received to support Brentwood expansion and organizational capacity building for TACS 2.
- SUNY Board of Trustees approval remains pending for expansion-related charter matters.
- NYSED BEDs codes were officially issued for Brentwood and Central Islip campuses under TACS 2 authorization.
- Construction for the Wyandanch expansion project has been finalized, with the facility on track to be ready for occupancy for September 2026.

Chairman Stewart requested a motion to accept the President's Report. Moved by Trustee Burton and seconded by Trustee Harrison. Motioned passed unanimously.

After the motion was accepted, the floor was opened for questions and comments on the President's Report, followed by a brief discussion.

b) **Chief Academic Officer Report**

Presenter: Travis Holloway, Deputy Chief Academic Officer (on behalf of the Chief Academic Officer)

The Board received a focused academic and leadership update for TACS 2:

- Presentation of Spring 2025 NYS assessment data indicating that TACS 2 ranks among the top-performing schools in Suffolk County in both English Language Arts and Mathematics.
- Comparative performance analysis demonstrating results competitive with some of the wealthiest districts on Long Island despite demographic differences.
- Leadership stabilization measures implemented to strengthen instructional oversight, including:
 - Appointment of Ms. Heather Graham as Interim Principal for Grades 3–5 while continuing her role as Deputy Chief Academic Officer.
 - Placement of two full-time instructional coaches at the upper elementary level.
 - Hiring of additional instructional staff to strengthen literacy and upper elementary teaching teams.
 - Promotion of Mr. Fairley to Director of Special Education, ESL, and AIS.
 - Targeted instructional support provided by Deputy Chief Academic Officer Ms. Odette Williams for middle school ELA instruction multiple days per week.
- Increased collaboration and communication between school leadership and PTO groups to strengthen family engagement.

Chairman Stewart requested a motion to accept the Chief Academic Officer's Report. Moved by Trustee Graham and seconded by Trustee Roberts. Motioned passed unanimously.

After the motion was accepted, the floor was opened for questions and comments on the Chief Academic Officer's Report, followed by a brief discussion.

c) Chief Legal & Compliance Officer Report

Presenter: Sandra Oneil, Chief Legal & Compliance Officer

The Board received legal and community engagement updates specific to TACS 2:

- Notification of two newly filed legal claims by the New York State Teachers Union seeking to annul charter approvals for Brentwood and Central Islip expansions. These matters will be discussed in Executive Session.
- Confirmation that the New York State Attorney General's office will lead the defense as the primary respondent, with TACS 2 and the Board named in the filing.
- Announcement of a Blood Drive scheduled for February 12 at the Uniondale location to support community health needs.
- Recognition of the Academy band's performance at the Hofstra MLK Day Parade.
- Release of a Wyandanch campus-specific newsletter highlighting instructional initiatives, student achievements, and school culture.
- Hosting of a "Meet the Principal" event introducing families to Ms. Heather Graham and instructional leadership staff to strengthen parent relationships and confidence.
- Continued partnership between Family and Community Relations and the Office of Scholar Enrollment to increase visibility and early enrollment efforts.
- Mercy Hospital holiday partnership provided over \$10,000 in gift cards to families at the Wyandanch campus.
- Active and expanding PTO participation with efforts underway to identify a parent representative for Board service.

Chairman Stewart requested a motion to accept the Chief Legal & Compliance Officer's Report. Moved by Trustee Graham and seconded by Vice Chairman West. Motioned passed unanimously.

After the motion was accepted, the floor was opened for questions and comments on the Chief Legal & Compliance Officer's Report, followed by a brief discussion.

d) Group Chief Financial Officer Report

Presenter: Alwayne Burke, Group Chief Financial Officer

The Board reviewed financial performance specific to TACS 2:

- December financials indicate accounts receivable over 90 days at approximately 24%, with significant payments received in January.

- Balance sheet reflects significant assets including campus facilities and outstanding bond obligations.
- Current financial position reflects an operational deficit attributed to enrollment and revenue factors, with improvement strategies underway.

Chairman Stewart requested a motion to accept the Group Chief Financial Officer's Report. Moved by Trustee Roberts and seconded by Trustee Beckles. Motioned passed unanimously.

After the motion was accepted, the floor was opened for questions and comments on the Group Chief Financial Officer's Report, followed by a brief discussion.

e) Chief People & Operations Officer Report

Presenter: Yuriy Barskiy, Human Capital Operations Director, and Racquel Chippy, Marketing Director (on behalf of the Chief People & Operations Officer)

The Board received updates on staffing, operations, and marketing for TACS 2:

- Ongoing domestic recruitment efforts to staff Wyandanch for the upcoming school year.
- International recruitment efforts currently underway in Jamaica for 2026–2027 staffing.
- One new instructional hire completed in the previous month.
- No current leaves of absence reported.
- Implementation of professional growth initiatives for operational staff including security and food service beginning February 9, 2026.
- Strengthening of security protocols including standardized signage, incident reporting procedures, and daily accountability measures.
- Marketing and admissions presence at high-traffic community events, including a regional tree lighting, to increase awareness and applications within Suffolk County.
- Expanded digital, print, outdoor, and grassroots marketing campaigns focused on the Wyandanch region.

Chairman Stewart requested a motion to accept the Chief People & Operations Officer's Report. Moved by Trustee Harrison and seconded by Vice Chairman West. Motioned passed unanimously.

After the motion was accepted, the floor was opened for questions and comments on the Chief People & Operations Officer's Report, followed by a brief discussion.

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Resolution No. 1001-2026 – Financial Resolution.

A Resolution to ratify and approve the Financial Statements for the months of October, November and December 2025.

The Roll Call vote was conducted as follows:

- Chairman Stewart – Yes
- Vice Chairman West – Yes
- Trustee Harrison - Yes
- Trustee Beckles – Yes
- Trustee Roberts – Yes
- Trustee Graham – Yes
- Trustee Burton – Yes

The Resolution was passed unanimously.

- b) Resolution No. 1002-2026 – Acceptance of Trustee Resignation

The Board formally accepted the resignation of Trustee Dorothy Burton, who will transition to serve the organization in an advisory capacity.

The Roll Call vote was conducted as follows:

- Chairman Stewart – Yes
- Vice Chairman West – Yes
- Trustee Harrison - Yes
- Trustee Beckles – Yes
- Trustee Roberts – Yes
- Trustee Graham – Yes
- Trustee Burton – Exempt

The Resolution was passed unanimously.

7. ADJOURNMENT

With no business concluded, Board Chairman Stewart requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion to adjourn the meeting was moved by Trustee Beckles and seconded by Trustee Harrison. Motion was passed unanimously. The meeting ended at 6:45 pm.

**ATTACHMENT TO 2026
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

RESOLUTIONS

Resolutions hereafter was given a document number and voted on by the Board of Trustees accordingly.

- **Resolution with document number 1001-2026 – Financial Resolution**
Unanimously passed by the Board of Trustees.
- **Resolution with document number 1002-2026 – Acceptance of Trustee Resignation**
Unanimously passed by the Board of Trustees.