



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

Date: Thursday, May 28, 2026

Time: 6:49 pm – 7:14pm

Facilitator: Robert Stewart, Chairman of the Board of Trustees

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Wayne Haughton, President
Nicholas Stapleton, Chief Academic Officer
Suzanne Scarlett, Director of Compliance (presented for
Sandrea Oneil, Chief Legal & Compliance Officer)
Alwayne Burke, Group Chief Financial Officer
Felicia Barracks, Chief People & Operations Officer
Bishop Barrington Goldson, Chief Executive Officer

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Robert Stewart at 6:49pm.

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: Wayne Haughton, President

The Board received an operational and facilities update on Wyandanch:

- The construction activities remained on schedule and the interior build-out progressed substantially. Walls had been completed, major construction work was nearing completion, and painting of the facility was underway.
- The Academy received approval from the New York State Education Department for the MEP and architectural submissions associated with the facility project. The remaining step in the approval process was obtaining the Certificate of Occupancy from the local municipality. Once received, the documentation would be forwarded to NYSED for final review and approval.
- The Academy was in a significantly stronger position than during the original Wyandanch opening process because approvals were being secured well in advance of the school year.
- The Academy leadership continued to aggressively market the school throughout the community and would participate in several upcoming community events, including Wyandanch Day and local outreach programs. The Academy planned to maintain a strong public presence through information booths, distribution of promotional materials, and on-site student registration opportunities.
- Confident that continued community engagement would positively impact enrollment growth for the upcoming school year.

Chairman Stewart requested a motion to accept the President's Report. Moved by Trustee Harrison and seconded by Trustee Graham. 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: Nicholas Stapleton, Chief Academic Officer

The Board reviewed academic performance and instructional initiatives specific to the Wyandanch campus:

- Attendance at the Wyandanch campus continued to improve year over year and was projected to finish the school year at a Level 3 designation, with attendance rates expected to range between 92% and 94%.
- The Charter School Institute has issued its 2024–2025 Accountability Performance Summary. Wyandanch campus achieved 10 out of 10 accountability measures, demonstrating strong academic performance and organizational effectiveness.
- Wyandanch Charter Renewal Application would be due on August 17, 2026. A mandatory renewal webinar had been scheduled for June 9, and leadership teams were already preparing documentation and evidence necessary for the renewal process.

- Updates provided on the new WIDA assessment system for English Language Learners and ongoing participation in the Cognia STEM Accreditation process.
- Summer school will see students in grades 2 through 7 participate in four weeks of academic enrichment focused on reading, mathematics, STEM activities, and extended athletic opportunities.
- The Shark Tank competition saw the students applied business concepts, technology, and problem-solving skills which reinforced the value of the Academy's educational model.

Chairman Stewart requested a motion to accept the Chief Academic Officer's Report. Moved by Trustee Graham and seconded by Trustee Beckles. 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: Suzanne Scarlett, Director of Compliance (presented for Sandra Oneil, Chief Legal & Compliance Officer)

The Board received an update on legal, compliance, and family partnership update:

- An update was provided on all pending cases. In the matter of the Brentwood and Central Islip cases, the court appeared amenable to some consolidation of matters but reserved judgment until a later date. The Notice of Motion was due by June 11, 2026.
- All required documents have been submitted timely and that the Academy remained in good standing with the regulatory agencies.
- The planned compliance site visits originally scheduled for May were postponed until July to accommodate end-of-year school operations.
- Mental Health Awareness Month activities included student wellness initiatives and educational programs designed to promote healthy coping strategies and emotional well-being.
- Students at the Wyandanch Elementary School participated in nature-based activities designed to improve wellness and emotional health through engagement with the outdoors.
- Another 529 College Planning Workshop would be hosted in June at the Wyandanch campus to assist families with college savings and planning strategies.

Chairman Stewart requested a motion to accept the Chief Legal & Compliance Officer's Report. Moved by Trustee Harrison and seconded by Trustee Graham. 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 received a financial update:

- The school has not yet reached its long-term financial targets. The financial performance continued to improve steadily. Budget projections for the 2026–2027 school year reflected continued growth and movement toward sustainability.
- Enrollment growth remains a critical factor in achieving long-term fiscal stability. There is optimism that enrollment initiatives would improve financial performance over the next year.
- The accounts receivable balances over 90 days old had reached approximately 45% during April. However, substantial collections have subsequently been received, significantly reducing those outstanding balances.
- The financial trajectory of the Wyandanch charter remained positive, and the Academy leadership will continue to monitor enrollment and revenue trends closely.

Chairman Stewart requested a motion to accept the Group Chief Financial Officer’s Report. Moved by Trustee Harrison and seconded by Trustee Rowley. 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: Felicia Barracks, Chief People & Operations Officer

The Board received updates on operations and human capital:

- More than 30 instructional and operational candidates participated in the event. Following interviews and evaluations, approximately 20 candidates were selected to advance to demonstration lessons and final interviews.
- A report was given on onboarding activities, staffing, and leave-of-absence statistics. Leave activity remained minimal and stable.
- Staff retention remained a priority. The Wyandanch campus achieved a monthly retention rate of 97%, while fiscal year-to-date retention stood at 75.7%.
- Student and family engagement events were held during the reporting period, including Reading Under the Stars, family literacy activities, field trips, and motivational programming.

Chairman Stewart requested a motion to accept the Chief People & Operations Officer’s Report. Moved by Trustee Rowley and seconded by Trustee Beckles. 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.

f) Chief Executive Officer Report

Presenter: Bishop Barrington Goldson, Chief Executive Officer

The Board received an update on partnerships and opportunities:

- The Academy leadership was implementing aggressive enrollment strategies to ensure full enrollment at the Wyandanch campus as the school approached charter renewal.
- Initiatives included development of a community food pantry, summer feeding programs, community breakfast events, and expanded outreach efforts designed to strengthen relationships with local families.
- There are plans for mobile community engagement initiatives, including neighborhood outreach and family engagement events designed to increase visibility throughout the Wyandanch community.
- The Academy has engaged additional recruitment support to increase middle school enrollment and strengthen student recruitment efforts.
- Wyandanch parents and community members would be invited to participate in future Shark Tank presentations to showcase student achievement and innovation.
- Recognition for sponsorship growth associated with the Purple Carpet Experience was given and a public thank you to Vice Chairman Dawn West and other leaders for their efforts in securing sponsorships and community support.
- Updates were provided on the Brentwood and Central Islip expansion efforts. Trustees were encouraged to participate in future site visits to review newly acquired properties and discuss long-term development opportunities.
- Plans for the upcoming Board Retreat were revisited with an emphasis on the importance of the Trustees participation in the strategic planning discussions.
- Trustees expressed enthusiasm regarding future expansion opportunities, facility design concepts, technology integration, and long-term planning for future campuses.

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

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

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a) Resolution No. 5001-2026 – Financial Resolution

A Resolution to formally authorize an increase in the organization's line of credit.

The Roll Call vote was conducted as follows:

- Chairman Stewart – Yes
- Vice Chairman West – Yes
- Trustee Graham – Yes
- Trustee Harrison – Yes
- Trustee Beckles – Yes
- Trustee Rowley – Yes

The Resolution was passed unanimously.

b) Resolution No. 5002-2026 – Administrative Resolution

A Resolution to ratify and approve a structured hybrid work arrangement for the Chief Executive Officer that ensures continued leadership effectiveness.

The Roll Call vote was conducted as follows:

- Chairman Stewart – Yes
- Vice Chairman West – Yes
- Trustee Graham – Yes
- Trustee Harrison – Yes
- Trustee Beckles – Yes
- Trustee Rowley – Yes

The Resolution was passed unanimously.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Stewart thanked the Board, leadership team, staff, and attendees for their continued support and encouraged participation in the upcoming Purple Carpet Experience.

With no further business, the Board Chairman Stewart requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion to adjourn the meeting was moved by Trustee Rowley and seconded by Trustee Harrison. Motion was passed unanimously. The meeting ended at 7:14pm.

**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 No. 5001-2026 – Approval of Financial Resolution**
Unanimously passed by the Board of Trustees.

- **Resolution No. 5002-2026 – Approval of Administrative Resolution**
Unanimously passed by the Board of Trustees.