**AECI CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK**
**116 East 169th Street**
**Bronx, New York**

**ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BOARD**

Date: Tuesday, July 8, 2025
Time: 6pm
Location: 116 E. 169th Street
Bronx, New York

1. Welcome Role Call: Present were Shameeka Gonzalez, Robert Burton, Devon Prioleau, Peter Quiñones

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| Chief Executive Office | Derick Spaulding |
| Human Resources Director | Hector Rodriguez |
| Director Post Secondary Readiness | Lauren Quigley |
| Principal AECI I | Colin Healy |
| Principal Middle School | Tyra Williams |
| Assistant Principal AECI II | Christopher Mastrocola |
| Counsel: | Flora Edwards, Esq. |
| BoostEd: | Joshua Moreau |
| Schoolhouse Project | Schoolhouse Project |

2. **Approval of Minutes of June 10, 2025**

Moved by Shameeka Gonzalez seconded by Robert Burton to approve the minutes of June 10, 2025. Approved unanimously

3. **Election of Officers & Committee Assignments**

Moved by Shameeka Gonzalez and seconded by Peter Quiñones to table election of officers and committee assignments to the September meeting.

4. **Board Calendar**

Moved by Shameeka Gonzalez seconded by Peter Quiñones to approve the Board Calendar for 2025-2026. Approved Unanimously.

5. **School Calendar**

Moved by Shameeka Gonzalez seconded by Peter Quiñones to approve the School Calendar for 2025-2025 subject to confirmation that it is in full compliance. Approved Unanimously.

6. **HR Report**
Health Care Update - After several months of reviewing renewal rates. The renewal rate with United Health Care no market rate renewal ar 3%.was determined the best option, Plans for redesign of the plan to achieve further cost savings are under way**.**

7. **Principal's Report AECI I**

a. Enrollment - there are 467 Students including 121 freshmen.

b. Attendance at the end of the year was 86.9%

c. As of today's date, 126 parents of incoming 9th graders have completed applications plus 15 new upperclassmen.

d. Graduation rate 95.37% of our students graduated. Compared to the Bronx rate of 77.6%

e. Regents results in line with rhe state average. Notably the pass rate of 80% for the. AP Pre-Calculus Regents superceded state and city average.

f. Summer School has begun for Regents and Credit Recovery.

g. School Activities
   i. June 16, 2025 - Athletic Awards Night
   ii. June 17, 2025- Academic Awards Night
   iii. June 25, 2025 Graduation at Hostos Community College

7. Principals Report - AECI 1 Middle School

a. Applications are at 40 students. 20 students have registered. Recruitments efforts include connections with summer day camps; connection with Niche.com to boost online visibility;

b. Summer Boost Program - summer classes are in progress for incoming students.

c. Interviews continue to complete the team of teachers.

d. Orientation for teachers scheduled for August 18-20.

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8. **Principal's Report - AECI II**

a. Enrollment for 2024-2025: 105 Freshmen, 119 Sophomores, 104 Juniors, and 109 Seniors: Total: 437 Students

b. Anticipated enrollment for 2025-26: 165 Freshmen, 131 Sophomores, 127 Juniors, and 117 Seniors: Total: 540 Students

c. Attendance fo June at 87.67%

d. Graduation rate - 105 studnets represeting 95.05%

e. Regents - 105 students scoring 85% or higher on the Regents exams. Results are

improving across the board.

f. Professional Development activities included Attendance at City College: Inquiry Based Learning and Teacher Inquiry Projects around Artificial Intelligence

g. Dr. Linares and Lisa Long from NYSED and Julissa Reynoso Visits Gabarron Art Project visited the school.

h. School Events included Tea Party, Youth Summit, Flag Award Finalist Presentation, Commitment Day Celebration, Fordham University Award Presentation,

9. **Facilities Committee**

To be discussed in Executive Session

10. **New Business**

a. **AECI 1 -** Moved by Shsmeeka Gonzalez; seconded by Peter Quiñones to authorize the Chair to enter into an agreement with ES Builders Group, LLC the lowest of two bidders (the third bidder solicited did not respond) for the renovation of two bathrooms at AECI I at a cost not to exceed $112,296.76. Approved unanimously.

b. **AECI I - Purchase of MAC Books**

Moved by Shameeka Gonzalez; seconded by Peter Quiñones to approve the purchase of 10 13-inch Mac Book Air Apple M4 chip from Apple Store for Education, a sole source vendor, at a cost not to exceed $10,380.00. Approved unanimously

c. Moved by Peter Quiñones; seconded by Shameeka Gonzalez to approve the purchase of (31) Mac Mini Apple M Pro Chip from Apple Store for Education, a sole source vendor, at a cost not to exceed $60,858.00. Approved unanimously

d. **AECI II - New Hires**

Moved by Shameeka Gonzalez seconded by Robert Burton to approve the appointment of the following:

Dominick Torres - History
Travis Johnson - Math
Melly Valdez - Counselor
Amanda Perez Computure Sciebce
Jacinta Ojevwe Youth Adisory

Approved Unanimously

e. **Appointment of General Counsel**

Moved by _Peter Quiñones; seconded by Shameeka Gonzalez to retain Flora

Edwards Esq. as General Counsel for the period July 1, 2025 - June 30,2026 at a cost not to exceed $35,000. Approved unanimously

13. **Executive Session**

Moved by Shameeka Gonzalez and seconded by Peter Quiñones at 7:48pm to go into Executive Session to discuss real estate and personnel. Approved unanimously.

Moved by Shameeka Gonzalez seconded by Robert Burton at 8:46pm to return to the record. Approved unanimously.

15. **Adjournmen**t

Moved by Shameeka Gonzalez; seconded by Peter Quiñones at 9:00pm to adjourn. Approved unanimously.