NYC AUTISM
CHARTER SCHOOLS

Board Meeting Minutes

June 15, 2026 – 5:00PM

The Board of Trustees of NYC Autism Charter Schools (NYCACS) met on Monday, June 15, 2026
NYC Autism Charter School East Harlem 433 East 100th St., 2nd floor

Attending Trustees:
Alysia Steinmann
Ashley Garrett
Boaz Aronson
Carol Santiago-DeJesus
Christine Sandler
Hannah Hoch
Jason Stock
Mark Saretsky
Naeema Livingston
Susanna Kvam Norris

Absent Trustees:
Elaine Florio
Ilene Lainer

Attendees at the Invitation of the Board:
Julie Fisher, Executive Director
Tiffney Jones, Director of Finance

1. Call to order

- **Action:** The NYCACS general meeting was called to order at 5:03PM

2. Board Business

- **Minutes from the 05-11-2026 Board Meeting**
  - At 5:03PM, the minutes from the Monday, May 11, 2026 Board meeting were reviewed.
  - **Action:** At 5:04PM, Ms. Garrett made a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Norris seconded the motion and the Board voted, unanimously approving the minutes.

3. Finance Committee

- **YTD April 2026 Financials**
  - At 5:04PM, Ms. Jones reviewed the YTD April 2026 Financials. Both schools are doing significantly better than plan mainly due to salary savings as well as the additional tranche of ERTC funds released and received last month.
- **Financial Policies**

- At 5:05PM, Ms. Jones reviewed the financial policy manual for Board approval in advance of our upcoming renewal application submission deadline. No changes have been made to the manual since last approval, and another review was recently conducted by the Finance Committee.
  - **Action:** At 5:10PM, Ms. Santiago made a motion to approve the financial policy manual with no changes from last approval. Mr. Saretsky seconded the motion and the Board voted, unanimously approving the financial policy manual.

<u>4. Per Pupil Funding</u>

- **Next Steps After Response from NYC DOE**
  - At 5:11PM, Ms. Fisher reviewed the response from the NYC DOE on NYCACS's funding request and discuss initial steps taken post-decision. The contract with the schools' current lobbying firm will conclude at the end of this month. Proposals from at least three lobbying firms will be circulated once received, with a selection made sometime in the Fall and a new strategy outlined shortly thereafter.

<u>5. Renewal</u>

- **Process Review**
  - At 5:15PM, Ms. Fisher outlined the steps of NYCACS' upcoming renewal – including the application writing and submission (by August 17), the site visit (scheduled for August 4th and 5th) and the subsequent votes by SUNY CSI Trustees and the Board of Regents. There will be a Board interview scheduled for 5PM on one of the site visit days. Ms. Fisher will gather more information from SUNY regarding location and meeting type (virtual, in-person, hybrid) and circle back asap.

<u>6. Executive Session</u>

- **Action:** At 5:26PM, Ms. Hoch made a motion to enter an executive session to discuss confidential information about a potential partnering organization. Ms. Santiago seconded the motion and the Board voted, unanimously approving the motion.
- **Action:** At 5:54PM, Ms. Garrett made a motion to leave executive session. Mr. Saretsky seconded the motion at which point the Board unanimously voted to leave executive session.

<u>7. Closing Items</u>

- **Action:** At 5:55PM, Ms. Santiago made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Garrett seconded the motion at which point the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting.