

DREAM CHARTER SCHOOL
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
March 13, 2025
8:00 AM
DREAM | 20 Bruckner Blvd. | 1st Floor Community Room
MINUTES OF MEETING

Trustees Present:

Ashish Doshi (Board Chair), Zainab Ali, Charlie Howe, Michele Joerg, Adam Miller, Liz Rich, Vicki Zubovic (Zoom)

Trustees Absent:

Don Sawyer II

DREAM Staff Present:

Rich Berlin, Eve Colavito, James DiCosmo, Katie Doctor, Kalila Hoggard, Crystal Lane, Sarah Overmeyer

Guests:

None

Members of the Public Present:

None

Welcome

The meeting was called to order at 8:07 AM by Ashish Doshi, Board Chair. Eve Colavito, Co-Chief Executive Officer, welcomed all attendees.

A motion to approve the minutes from the December 19, 2024 meeting was made by Zainab Ali, duly seconded by Michele Joerg, and unanimously passed.

Governance

Eve Colavito presented two potential board members, Emily Stecher and Vilas Kuchinad. Emily and Vilas served together as Co-Chairs of the DREAM Ambassador Board from 2019-2024. They are scheduled to meet with Ashish Doshi in the coming weeks. An official vote on their nominations will be held at the next board meeting.

Finance

James DiCosmo, Chief Financial Officer, provided an overview of the DREAM Charter School Statement of Activities and Balance Sheet as of January 31, 2025. James also informed the Board that the FY24 Form 990 has been finalized and will be circulated in

the coming weeks. Additionally, he noted that a budget review will take place at the next board meeting. A consolidated budget is in progress and will be sent to the Board by the end of April.

Dashboard Review

Katie Doctor, Chief Strategy Officer, presented the initial Charter School Board Dashboard, highlighting key metrics, including exceeding enrollment goals and an increase in ELL student population year over year, attributed to DREAM's expansion to Highbridge. Board members engaged in a discussion regarding these trends.

Alumni Early Career and Outcomes Survey

Katie Doctor reviewed the Alumni Early Career and Outcomes Survey, conducted in partnership with the Charter School Growth Fund. Key findings included the impact of strong early career opportunities on student success.

After reviewing results and key findings, Katie highlighted that all four initiatives in DREAM's 2028 Strategic Plan tie to improving career outcomes for DREAM Legends.

Talent

At 8:55AM, Ashish Doshi called the Board into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters. The Executive Team was invited to remain in the room to provide necessary information and support the discussion. No formal actions were taken during the Executive Session.

The Executive session ended at 9:15AM.

Building for Future Dreams

Rich Berlin and Eve Colavito, Co-Chief Executive Officers, provided an update on DREAM's long-term impact and growth strategy.

Upcoming Dates

Eve Colavito noted June 5 at 8:00 AM as the date of the next DCS board meeting. She also shared details on upcoming events.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 AM.