

MINUTES OF ACTION

PUBLIC MEETING OF THE PANEL FOR EDUCATIONAL POLICY

Wednesday, March 26, 2025, at 6:00 PM held at Bronx Career & College Preparatory High School (800 Home Street, Bronx, New York, 10456) and accessible via live stream <https://learndoe.org/pep/mar26>

Roll Call

1. Marielle Ali
2. Adriana Alicea
3. Phoebe Sade-Arnold
4. Shirley Aubin
5. Camille Casaretti
6. Marjorie Dienstag
7. Amy Fair
8. Gregory Faulkner
9. Anthony Giordano
10. Angela Green
11. Naveed Hasan
12. Alice Ho
13. Rima Izquierdo
14. Darling Miramey
15. Sharon Odwin
16. Alan Ong
17. Maisha Sapp
18. Thomas Sheppard
19. Venus Sze-Tsang
20. Manny Tavaréz

Action Taken as Indicated Below

Chair Faulkner called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Secretary Nathan called roll. All Panel Members were present except: Panel Members Bogad and Garcia.

Motion to Table Contract Agenda Item Numbers 7 and 8 (see [here](#))

Motion to table Contract Agenda Item number 7 failed 9-9-0 (yea: Ali, Alicea, Aubin, Casaretti, Fair, Hasan, Izquierdo, Miramey, Sheppard; nay: Arnold, Dienstag, Faulkner, Green, Ho, Odwin, Ong, Sapp, Tavaréz). There were no recusals. Motion to table Contract Agenda Item number 8 failed (yea: Ali, Alicea, Aubin, Casaretti, Hasan, Izquierdo, Miramey, Sheppard; nay: Arnold, Dienstag, Fair, Faulkner, Green, Ho, Odwin, Ong, Sapp, Tavaréz). There were no recusals.

Approval of Contracts (see [here](#))

Contract items 1-21 were considered in a single contract, titled *Resolution 1*. Chair Faulkner made a motion to enter into contracts under *Resolution 1*.

Contract Item numbers 3-6, 9-16, 18-21 passed unanimously 19-0-0 (yea: Ali, Alicea, Arnold, Aubin, Casaretti, Dienstag, Fair, Faulkner, Green, Hasan, Ho, Izquierdo, Miramey, Odwin, Ong, Sapp, Sheppard, Sze-Tsang, Tavarez). There were no recusals.

Contract Item number 1 passed 18-0-1 (yea: Ali, Alicea, Arnold, Aubin, Casaretti, Dienstag, Fair, Faulkner, Green, Hasan, Ho, Izquierdo, Odwin, Ong, Sapp, Sheppard, Sze-Tsang, Tavarez; abstain: Miramey). There were no recusals.

Contract Item number 2 passed 15-1-3 (yea: Ali, Arnold, Casaretti, Dienstag, Fair, Faulkner, Green, Hasan, Ho, Miramey, Odwin, Ong, Sapp, Sze-Tsang, Tavarez; nay: Alicea; abstain: Aubin, Izquierdo, Sheppard). There were no recusals.

Contract Item number 7 failed 10-1-8 (yea: Arnold, Dienstag, Fair, Faulkner, Green, Ho, Odwin, Ong, Sapp, Tavarez; nay: Alicea; abstain: Ali, Aubin, Hasan, Izquierdo, Miramey, Sheppard, Sze-Tsang). There were no recusals.

Contract Item number 8 failed 12-1-6 (yea: Arnold, Dienstag, Fair, Faulkner, Green, Ho, Miramey, Odwin, Ong, Sapp, Sze-Tsang, Tavarez; nay: Alicea; abstain: Ali, Aubin, Casaretti, Hasan, Izquierdo, Sheppard). There were no recusals.

Contract Item number 17 passed 15-0-4 (yea: Ali, Arnold, Casaretti, Dienstag, Fair, Faulkner, Green, Hasan, Ho, Miramey, Odwin, Ong, Sapp, Sze-Tsang, Tavarez; abstain: Alicea, Aubin, Izquierdo, Sheppard). There were no recusals.

Motion to Overrule the Chair

Panel Member Sheppard made a motion to include additional time for Superintendents to speak beyond the allotted two minutes and thirty seconds. The motion passed 18-0-1 (yea: Ali, Alicea, Arnold, Aubin, Casaretti, Dienstag, Fair, Green, Hasan, Ho, Izquierdo, Miramey, Odwin, Ong, Sapp, Sheppard, Sze-Tsang, Tavarez; abstain: Faulkner). There were no recusals.

Motion to Adopt the School Utilization Proposals for Bronx (see [here](#))

School Utilization Proposals were considered in a single item, titled *Resolution to Consider Significant Changes to School Utilization Proposals*.

The Proposed Merger of New Millennium Bronx Academy of the Arts (09X328) with New Pathways Academy (09X594) in Building X145 in the 2025-2026 School Year

Resolution passed unanimously 20-0-0 (yea: Ali, Alicea, Arnold, Aubin, Casaretti, Dienstag, Fair, Giordano, Green, Hasan, Ho, Izquierdo, Miramey, Odwin, Ong, Sapp, Sheppard, Sze-Tsang, Tavarez, Faulkner). There were no recusals.

The Proposed Merger of North Bronx School of Empowerment (11X287) with Leaders of Tomorrow (11X370) in Building X113 in the 2025-2026 School Year

Resolution passed unanimously 20-0-0 (yea: Ali, Alicea, Arnold, Aubin, Casaretti, Dienstag, Fair, Giordano, Green, Hasan, Ho, Izquierdo, Miramey, Odwin, Ong, Sapp, Sheppard, Sze-Tsang, Tavarez, Faulkner). There were no recusals.

The Proposed Opening and Co-location of P188X@X138, a New Site of Existing District 75 School P.S. X188 (75X188), with P.S. 138 Samuel Randall (08X138) in Building X138 in the 2025-2026 School Year

Resolution passed unanimously 20-0-0 (yea: Ali, Alicea, Arnold, Aubin, Casaretti, Dienstag, Fair, Giordano, Green, Hasan, Ho, Izquierdo, Miramey, Odwin, Ong, Sapp, Sheppard, Sze-Tsang, Tavarez, Faulkner). There were no recusals.

The Proposed Grade Expansion of P.S. 105 Senator Abraham Bernstein (11X105) from a K-5 School to a K-8 School and the Opening and Co-location of P723X@X105, a New Site of Existing District 75 School P.S. X723 (75X723), with P.S. 105 Senator Abraham Bernstein (11X105) in Building X105 Beginning in the 2025-2026 School Year

Resolution passed unanimously 20-0-0 (yea: Ali, Alicea, Arnold, Aubin, Casaretti, Dienstag, Fair, Giordano, Green, Hasan, Ho, Izquierdo, Miramey, Odwin, Ong, Sapp, Sheppard, Sze-Tsang, Tavarez, Faulkner). There were no recusals.

Motion to Adopt Amendments to the School Construction Authority (SCA) Five-Year Capital Plan for February 2025 (see [here](#))

Resolution passed 14-1-5 (yea: Arnold, Aubin, Dienstag, Fair, Faulkner, Giordano, Green, Ho, Miramey, Odwin, Ong, Sapp, Sze-Tsang, Tavarez; nay: Sheppard; abstain: Ali, Alicea, Casaretti, Hasan, Izquierdo). There were no recusals.

Motion to Adopt the Estimated Budget for FY 2026 (see [here](#))

Resolution passed 13-3-4 (yea: Arnold, Dienstag, Fair, Faulkner, Giordano, Green, Ho, Miramey, Odwin, Ong, Sapp, Sze-Tsang, Tavarez; nay: Aubin, Izquierdo, Sheppard; abstain: Ali, Alicea, Casaretti, Hasan). There were no recusals.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:30 p.m. (EST).

Agenda items considered by the Panel at this meeting are found: <https://www.schools.nyc.gov/get-involved/families/panel-for-education-policy>

A recording of the meeting is available at: <https://learndoe.org/pep/category/webinar-recordings/>