



Storefront Academy Charter School
December 2024 Board Meeting
Thursday, December 19, 2024, 6:00 p.m.
Meeting Minutes

ATTENDEES

Trustees: Atta Acheampong, Richard Bayles, Amanda Low, Peter Low, Jonathan Stearns, Jewell Stewart

Staff: Anibera Abreu, Rebecca Brunie, Taleema Chesney, Nidia Evangelista, Julissa Fernandez, Yoselyn Fernandez, Amia Fisher, Esther Fokuo, Milly Jimenez, Charisse Lewis, Marie Lucas, Rachel Marshall, Stephanie Reeder, Yubdeley Ricardo, Newton Richards, Luis Rodriguez, Carol Singletary, Desiree Soulet, Matthew Tiwary, Katherine Vasquez **Other:** Rachael Adamson, Angela Applewhite, Bryson's mom, Annica, Shelly Jallow, Stephanie

RELEVANT DOCUMENTS

- December 2024 board meeting agenda

MEETING MINUTES

1. Call to order and adoption of meeting minutes (0:00-1:21)

- a. Richard Bayles called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m. EST.
- b. Motion: Mr. Bayles moved to approve the November 2024 minutes. Motion was seconded and carried without dissent.

2. Development update (1:22-3:04)

- a. Grants submitted
 - i. Laura Bush Foundation Library Grant (both campuses). Decision expected spring 2025.
 - ii. MusicCan Grant (SB). Decision expected January 7, 2025.
- b. Grants awarded
 - i. Seventh District Foundation (\$4,665, SB) chess program running Feb. to June 2025.
 - ii. Aldi (\$500, both campuses) gift cards for SACS families.
 - iii. ALES Foundation (\$1,400) SACS Thanksgiving funding.

3. Leadership reports (3:05-33:14)

- a. (3:05-6:32) Enrollment
 - i. SB: As of Dec. 12, actual enrollment sits at 261, 14 students under budget. Three students enrolled this month; three students withdrew.
 - ii. H: As of Dec. 12, actual enrollment sits at 104, four students over budget. Three students enrolled this month; one student withdrew.
 - iii. Working well: Community partnerships and events; enrollment team. Needs improvement: Lack of robust paid media presence (solutions in progress).
- b. (6:33-8:20) SY 2024-2025 staff vacancies
 - i. One current vacancy at Harlem (SpEd 3rd through 5th grade teacher). No SB vacancies.
 - ii. Working well: Volume of candidates. Needs improvement: Candidate quality.
- c. (8:21-33:14) Academic and culture highlights
 - i. SB: Experiential math bulletin board contest.
 - ii. H: Kindergarten "New Year, New Goals" project; 4th grade Ancient Egypt history project.
 - iii. Working well: Enhancing students' understanding of concepts; promoting growth; teacher resiliency. Needs improvement: Complex planning; challenges in project design; material costs.
 - iv. Photos and videos highlighted special events across the two campuses.



4. **Public comment (33:15-33:27)**
 - a. Mr. Bayles opened the meeting to public comment. Hearing nothing, he closed the meeting to public comment.
5. **Board committee reports (33:28-34:38)**
 - a. The Academic Committee reported that meetings to address room for improvement (e.g., teacher personnel) are in progress. An action plan is in development.
6. **Closing comments and motion to adjourn (34:39-35:44)**
 - a. Mr. Bayles adjourned the meeting at 6:43 p.m. EST.