

DREAM CHARTER SCHOOL
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
September 24, 2026
8:00 AM
DREAM | 1991 2nd Ave. | Skybox
MINUTES OF MEETING

Trustees Present:

Ashish Doshi (Board Chair), Zainab Ali (Zoom), Charlie Howe, Michele Joerg, Vilas Kuchinad, Adam Miller, Liz Rich, Don Sawyer III (Zoom), Emily Stecher, Vicki Zubovic

Trustees Absent:

DREAM Staff Present:

Rich Berlin, Eve Colavito, James DiCosmo, Kalila Hoggard, Crystal Lane, Laura Maschler, Vanessa Pliego

Guests:

Nina Kontos

Members of the Public Present:

None

Welcome

Eve Colavito, Co-Chief Executive Officer and Ashish Doshi, Board Chair, welcomed everyone. Ashish called the meeting to order at 8:05 AM.

A motion to approve the minutes from the June 4, 2026 meeting was made by Vicki Zubovic, duly seconded by Michele Joerg, and passed.

Governance

Eve Colavito presented a prospective Trustee, Nina Kontos. Nina exited the room. A motion to elect Nina Kontos to the DCS Board of Trustees was made by Emily Stecher, seconded by Michele Joerg, and unanimously passed.

Nina returned to the room and was congratulated by the Trustees.

Eve previewed an additional prospective trustee, Kaycee Brock.

Finance

James DiCosmo, Chief Financial Officer, reviewed the FY26 Year-End DREAM Charter School Statement of Activities and FY26 Year-End Balance Sheet (as of June 30, 2026).

Education

Crystal Lane, Chief Education Officer, presented DREAM's 2026 New York State Test and i-Ready Assessment results, highlighting continued K–8 growth, DREAM's performance relative to district and state benchmarks, site-level ELA and Math proficiency and trends for students with IEPs. She finished on priorities for the 2026–27 school year.

Build for Future DREAMs

Rich Berlin and Eve Colavito, Co–Chief Executive Officers, provided an update on how DREAM is growing its impact, including updates on Early Childhood, the NYC Autism merger, and future AI initiatives.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 AM.