

**BEEKMAN CHARTER SCHOOL
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 2026
6:00 PM (IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING COMMITTEE MEETINGS)
CAFETERIA**

1. Call to Order. Keith Huntsman

The Beekman Charter School Board of Directors meeting was called to order by Keith Huntsman.

2. Roll Call.

-Members present: Mario Bershell, Sarah Ellingburg, Keith Huntsman, Tamika Jones, Mike Stephens

-Members absent: Mike Edmonds and Lori Wallace

-Others in attendance: Samantha Mann, John Merritt, Amy Dantzler, Carrie Evans, Kayce Waller, Abigail Atkins, Taylor Freeland

3. Pledge and Prayer.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sarah Ellingburg. The prayer was led by Mike Stephens.

4. Consent Agenda.

A. To approve the February 12, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes.

The minutes were approved with no revisions.

5. To receive March 12, 2026 Committee Meeting action item reports:

a. Building and Properties – Mike Stephens

- i. To approve using District 12 Funds to pay off the old Bond Issue and start a new Bond Issue.*

Tamika Farrell moved to approve using District 12 Funds to pay off the old Bond Issue and start a new Bond Issue. Seconded by Sarah Ellingburg. Motion carried.

- ii. Confirm what year any buildings were built since Beekman Charter School Inception. How much was paid for them and where the money came from to pay for them?*

No action was taken.

- iii. Confirm number of students and debt service amounts per student that was withheld from our MFP since Beekman Charter School inception.*

No action was taken.

b. Personnel and Student Affairs- Lori Wallace

- i. To recognize Beekman Charter School teachers of the year, students of the year, and other accomplished employees. –Samantha Mann*

No action was taken.

c. Finance Committee- Tamika Jones

- i. To receive and approve the February, 2026 Financial Report.*

Tamika Jones moved to approve the February, 2026 Financial Report.
Seconded by Mike Stephens. Motion carried.

d. Academic Excellence Committee- Sarah Ellingburg

i. There were no items for this committee.

6. To report the sending of Legislative Notice of Intent to use Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR). –Keith Huntsman

The Legislative Notice of Intent to use Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) was sent by certified mail on February 13, 2026. Confirmation of receipt of the letters were signed by Brenna Fisher and Chris Schilling on February 19, 2026. Mr. Huntsman has since received information that a stipulation of the CMAR is that the project must be at least \$5-15 million. This criteria applies to the initial phase of construction as well. No action was taken.

7. To receive Administrative Reports from:

a. Zemarcus Mays, Operations Manager

Due to absence, Mr. Mays emailed his report to the Board, and asked them to reach out to him for any questions. In his report, he included the current list of auction items, as well as other updates.

b. John Merritt, Principal

Mr. Merritt's report included update on various academics, campus activities, and athletics.

c. Collective Report from Jessica Allred, Kayce Waller, and Amy Dantzer

The administrators provided pie charts that gave a humorous view of daily activities and positive outlooks.

d. Samantha Mann, Executive Director

Mrs. Mann highlighted planning for the upcoming school year, conferences, enrollment, and more.

8. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:31pm.