

HAVEN CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL

Board of Managers Meeting

Date: March 18, 2026

Location: 1529 Williamsbridge Road, Bronx, NY/Zoom

Time: 5:30 pm – 7 pm

The following Members were present:

- Daniel Diaz
- Jannett Santana
- Robert Pondiscio
- Nereida Barbour

1. Call to Order

- A meeting of the Board of Trustees for Haven Charter High School met in a regular session on March 18, 2026. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM.

2. Executive Director's Report (Natalie Lozada)

A. Enrollment & Recruitment

- The school is currently at **262** applications for the next school year.
- Open houses have been generating approximately **8-10 applications** each time, with two more open houses and community events scheduled.
- Lottery is taking place on April 1st.
- The goal is still to reach **300** applications (1 in every 4 students will attend)
- Volleyball team has contributed greatly to recruitment and engagement.

B. Student Programming

- Students have just entered the Charter School league for Volleyball.
- The volleyball team has a series of games after Spring Break.
- The students proposed and initiated the cheerleading team, which they are currently running independently. They also play an active role in supporting and assisting with open-house events.

C. Academic Performance & Assessment

c. Attendance:



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- Student attendance averages between 87% and 92% each day.
- Approximately 3–4 students have experienced chronic absenteeism, despite documented interventions.

D. Regents Preparation

- Spring break is approaching, and students have been given Regents' prep packets to complete during the break.

3. Report from Board Chair- Facilities/Gymnasium Update (Daniel Diaz)

- Gym is on track to start being assembled in May. They are still waiting for a Letter of No Effect from Amtrak to civic builders. The Letter of No Effect will then be sent over to the Department of Buildings for approval to start assembly of the gym.
- Construction within the school building does not have to wait for the letter from Amtrak.
- Construction inside of the school building (Cafeteria, warming kitchen, and entry Walkway) will be finished by the end of the summer.
- Gym will be completed by January 2027 if the letter of no effect is received by May 1st.
- Construction will be underway while students are in school; however, it will be limited to a section of the building that is not currently in use to minimize noise and distractions.
 - o **Internal construction:** End of May/June 2026-August 2026
 - o **External construction:** Starts in the Fall – January 2027.

4. Next Meetings

In person at Haven Charter High School, April 22nd, 2026

5. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:57 pm

