

GROWING UP GREEN CHARTER SCHOOLS BOARD MEETING

Board Meeting Date: Tuesday, January 27th, 2026, 7:00pm

Location: MS2 - 84-35 152nd Street, Queens, NY 11432

In attendance:

Matthew Greenberg (GUGCS Founder and Executive Director), Desmond Holliday (GUGCS Development Associate & Executive Assistant), Marc Greenberg (Interim Board Chair), Alissa Vera (School Leader of GUG II Middle School), Quanya McKinley Grant, Pastor Corwin Mason (Board Trustee), Anne Levonen (Board Treasurer), Peter Davis (Board Trustee), Kiah Hufane (Board Trustee), Mark Freidberg (Board Trustee), Laurenn Hinkle (CSBM representative), Jackée Nielsen (School Leader of GUG II Elementary School), Meegan Spellman (Board Parent Representative), Kelly Russotti (Board Secretary), Kwame Flaherty (Trustee), "Rosalia", Lyle Zuckerman

No public comment was made before the meeting.

Commencement - 7:00pm

Marc Greenberg opened the meeting for Growing Up Green Charter Schools.

Previous Month's Board Meeting Minutes

Mark Freidberg moved to approve the November and December minutes for the Growing Up Green Charter Schools. Mark Freidberg seconded the motion, all were in favor.

Executive Director Report

Matthew Greenberg presented the executive report for Growing Up Green Charter Schools. He talked about the upcoming in-person fundraiser, LFLB and enrollment seasons, the fact that our kids went on 86 field trips this year, and the school's attempt to create a relationship with the Mamdani administration. Pastor Mason said some kind words about his site visit, and said that he would encourage the families from his church to send their kids to our schools.

Growing Up Green School Updates

Dr. Jackée Nielsen and Alissa Vera presented updates from Growing Up Green Elementary and Middle Schools, respectively. Dr. Nielsen spoke about the leadership library, a BHM celebration coming up in February, Branch Buddies, and some exciting data highlights. Mrs. Vera spoke about her instructional team walkthroughs, free test prep for grades 5-8 in ELA, Core Value & academic awards, the March career fair, Green Leaders Conflict Resolution and ambassadors, and our robust afterschool programming.

Financials

Laurenn Hinkle (CSBM) went through the summary financial reports for Growing Up Green Charter Schools. All looks well and we will be sharing more with the board as enrollment continues.

The meeting adjourned at 7:27pm. The Board then immediately entered an Executive Session.