

2026-2027 Uncommon Schools NYC Board Meeting #1

Date: 9/23/2026 **Location:** Uncommon Home Office
100 Church Street
New York, NY 10007

Time: 5:00 - 7:00 pm

Called By: Linton Mann III

Attendees: Trustees Present: Linton Mann III, Chrystal Stokes Williams, John Greenstein, Ann Mathews-Pereira, Shakima Williams, John Kim, Erica Woolway, Crystal McQueen-Taylor, Ekwutozia Nwabuzor,

Uncommon Schools Staff: Tracy Wax, Regional Senior Director of External Affairs; Maya Roth Bisignano, Senior Director of External Affairs; Rob Sgobbo, Chief of Staff, Chief Schools Officer; Madlen Read, Head of Operations, NYC; Courtney Clayton, Senior Director, Marketing & Brand; Amanda Craft, Chief Talent Officer

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 pm by Board of Trustees Chair Linton Mann III.

Mr. Mann welcomed Trustees to the meeting and reviewed the agenda. There were no members of the public present for public comment.

Mr. Mann introduced Adam Walker and Bernard Trubia, prospective Trustees, to the group. They were in attendance to observe the meeting.

Tracy Wax reviewed school highlights from the start of the 2026-2027 school year and presented updates on enrollment.

Ms. Wax then introduced Rob Sgobbo who provided updates on K-8 academic priorities, including reviewing Uncommon NYC 2026 state exam results and expected focus areas for the 2026-2027 school year.

Ms. Wax provided an update on school initiatives currently supported by the Board Designated Fund. She then introduced Courtney Clayton and Madlen Read to provide relevant background and data to support a request for additional funding for the 2026-27 school year. The additional request was to fund a one-year marketing campaign aimed at increasing applications and enrollment at Uncommon NYC's Excellence schools.

Mr. Mann entered a motion to approve the use of up to \$680,000 in Uncommon NYC Board Designated Funds in FY27 to support the Excellence Marketing Campaign, Crystal McQueen-Taylor motioned to approve, Ekwutozia Nwabuzor seconded the motion and all members voted in favor.

Resolved: The use of up to \$680,000 in Uncommon NYC Board Designated Funds in FY27 to support Excellence marketing has been approved.

Mr. Mann called for a review and approval vote on the District-Wide Safety Plan for school year 2026-27. John Kim motioned to approve the minutes. Ms. Stokes Williams seconded the motion, and all present voted in favor.

Resolved: The District-Wide Safety Plan for school year 2026-27 is approved.

Mr. Mann called for a review and approval vote on the minutes of the June 2026 Board of Trustees meeting. Ms. McQueen-Taylor motioned to approve the minutes. Chrystal Stokes Williams seconded the motion, and all present voted in favor.

Resolved: The minutes of the Uncommon New York City Board of Trustees Meetings in June 2025 are approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 PM.