
HARLEM VILLAGE ACADEMIES CHARTER SCHOOLS

Minutes

*Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Via Zoom
January 7, 2026*

A meeting of the Board of Trustees of Harlem Village Academies Charter Schools was held on January 7, 2026. In attendance were board members Aria Gee, Dr. Deborah Kenny, Carrie Mauer, Erica Newman, and David Zwiebel. Joe Keeney, Chuck Klein, and Bob Ollwerther from Harlem Village Academies were also in attendance.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Zwiebel.

The minutes from the June 23, 2025 board meeting were distributed and Ms. Newman made a motion to approve the minutes, which was seconded by Ms. Mauer and approved unanimously.

A video of the HVA Elementary chorus was presented.

Mr. Zwiebel then invited Mr. Klein to present the Finance report.

Mr. Klein reviewed the financials by school and by charter entity for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025. The full year revenue from public sources was \$29.7 million and operating expenses totaled \$34.3 million. The expenses include a \$1.2 million non-cash lease accounting expense, in accordance with US GAAP accounting. A grant to the schools of \$2.8 million was made by the HVA Network to ensure that the schools ended the year with a strong balance sheet and cash position.

Mr. Klein then discussed the results for the five months ending November 30, 2025. Revenues for the five months were \$14.1 million, favorable to budget by \$1.5

million. Operating Expenses were unfavorable to budget by \$3 million due to spending on professional development. The five-month operating deficit was \$194K. Mr. Klein noted that the shortfall would be funded by the HVA Network which had received several multi-year funding commitments. Mr. Klein reported that student enrollment was 54 students higher than budget and 90 students higher than the previous school year.

Several board queries were discussed and answers were provided.

Mr. Keeney updated the Board on cybersecurity and physical security, amplifying the materials that were provided in the board package. The schools hired a new technology provider, that provides better service at a lower cost. A new physical security firm was hired in the last year and is performing well.

Dr. Kenny presented on HVA's 2025 academic performance, including the 2025 state test results, the Montessori PreK program, and high school results. She reported that HVA ranked in the top 3% of all 3,500 New York State public schools and the top 5% of all charter networks, while serving more Black and Latino students than most charter schools and a higher percentage of low-income students than the other networks in the top 5%. HVA special education students significantly outperformed NYC general education students. Dr. Kenny noted that HVA's 8th grade proficiency level of 95% in ELA and 90% on the high school Algebra Regents exam ensures our students are well-prepared for high school. She also reported on HVA's high school and college admission performance, with 100% of students accepted and 98% matriculating to 4-year colleges, most of whom are the first in their families to attend college. Dr. Kenny noted that 100% of the class received at least one offer that met their full financial need, and many students earned merit scholarships, including seven Questbridge scholarships. A board discussion of the results took place and Dr. Kenny answered board queries.

Ms. Newman made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Ms. Gee and approved unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned.