March 2022 Board Meeting Date: Mar. 29, 2022.

Time: 6:30 PM - 8:15 PM.

Location: Virtual meeting at https://emblazeacademy- org.zoom.us/j/5210424773?pwd=ckFDVG9aSERJ a mNjbHdMSWJQcmkyQT09.

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| **Board Members in Attendance:** | **Absent Board Members:**  | **Other Attendees:**  |
| *Geraldo Vasquez**Marlin Jenkins**Tameka Beckford-Young* *Janneth Gaona*  | *Matthew Kirby-Smith* | *Erienne Rojas, Ms.Hinton, Bryson Wilson, Leslie Rich (EdTech), Adnan Vandyck, Maritza Barreto, Michael McRay,*  |

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| **Time/Actual** | **Lead** | **Agenda Item** |
| **6:30** | Gerry | Call to order 6:43 |
| **6:30-6:45** | Gerry | Approval of Board Meeting Minutes Approved pending any changes after review will be confirmed next meeting* August 2021
* October 2021
* December 2021
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| **6:45-7:15** 6:50 | Janneth/Edtec | Finance and Facilities Committee Report * February 2022 Financial Results Update
* Grant money needs to come below the income line for FY23
* The reminder of the financial update for the previous months will be caught up for the April meeting (new Ed-tech rep still catching up)
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| **7:15-8:00** | Shakina/Erienne | Management Report* March 2022 Update (including enrollment, hiring statuses and assessment results)
* State testing will be taking place from March 29 to March 30
* The school held its Second ever test pep-rally on March 28
* Enrollment Update
	+ Total enrollment is 268 students
	+ 28-5th graders
	+ 67-6th graders
	+ 73-7th graders
	+ 100-8th graders
* The Board members seemed to be worried about 5th grade recruitment
	+ The 5th grade was introduced to the school in hopes to help increase the recruitment numbers eventually for the rest of the school, but this doesn’t seem to be happening
	+ Do we want a 5th grade? (The numbers show us that they seem to always have the lowest number)
	+ The enrollment for 5th grade had exponentially been decreasing
	+ Should the new charter make the school strictly a middle school meaning only having grades 6th, 7th, and 8th.
* Recruitment Update
	+ Mailers just went out for the enrollment lottery (lottery April 11)
	+ The dashboard application where we track people registering for the lottery has the following numbers for potential students; 49 for the 5th grade, 128 for the 6th grade, and 11 for the 7th grade.
* Staffing
	+ The vacancy that the school had for and8th grade history teacher has been filled
	+ Continuation letters for teachers who will be invited back next year will be sent out soon (in the next 2-4 weeks)
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| **8:00-8:05** | Marlin | Enrollment and Development Committee Report will be discussed next meeting* Enrollment Update
* Development Update
* Branding Program
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| **8:05-8:15** | Gerry/Tameka | Governance Committee Report* Merger Discussions are Ongoing.
	+ The potential merger partner has facility walk through with Gerry on April 4. It is a charter school called the South Bronx community charter school.
* Potential Merger Partner Facility Walkthrough | April 4th
* There is a State walk through, for Charter renewal in May 2022
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| **8:15** | Gerry | Adjournment 8:00 |