

**2009-10 Annual Report  
August 1, 2010**

**AMBER CHARTER SCHOOL**

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**Name of Charter School: Amber Charter School**

**Address: 220 East 106 Street, New York, NY 10029**

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**Telephone: 212-534-9667**

**Fax: 212-534-6225**

**BEDS #: 31040086-806**

**District/CSD of Location: 84M705**

**Head of School (Contact Person)**

**Dr. Vasthi R. Acosta**  
(print name)

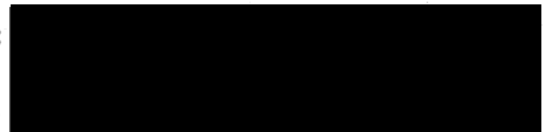
**E-mail address of contact person:**



**President, Board of Trustees:**

**Mr. Luis A. Miranda**  
(print name)

**E-mail address and Phone Number of Board President:**



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**MODIFICATIONS TO THE SCHOOL'S EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM  
AND GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE**

Describe any significant changes to the school's educational program as well as its governance structure. If there are no changes, please indicate N/A.

N/A

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DISCLOSURE OF FINANCIAL INTEREST  
BY A CHARTER SCHOOL TRUSTEE<sup>1</sup>

Note: Please make a copy of this two page form for each Trustee

1. Name of charter school: \_\_\_\_\_ AMBER CHARTER SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_
2. Trustee's name (print): \_\_\_\_\_ VASTHI R. ACOSTA \_\_\_\_\_
3. Position(s) on board (e.g., chair, treasurer, committee chair, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_ MEMBER \_\_\_\_\_
4. Home address: \_\_\_\_\_ [REDACTED] \_\_\_\_\_
5. Business Address: \_\_\_\_\_ [REDACTED] \_\_\_\_\_
6. Daytime phone: \_\_\_\_\_ [REDACTED] \_\_\_\_\_
7. E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ [REDACTED] \_\_\_\_\_
8. Is Trustee an employee of the school?  Yes.  No. If you checked yes, please provide a description of the position you hold, your salary and your start date.  

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9. In the box below, identify each interest/transaction (and provide the requested information) that you or any of your immediate family members have held or engaged in with the charter school during the prior school year. If there has been no such financial interest or transaction, please write "None." Please note that if you answered yes to Question 8, you need not disclose again your employment status, salary, etc.

<sup>1</sup> Form Revised May 24, 2006

<b>Date(s)</b>	<b>Nature of Financial Interest/Transaction</b>	<b>Steps Taken to Avoid a Conflict of Interest, (e.g., did not vote, did not participate in discussion)</b>	<b>Identity of Person Holding Interest or Engaging in Transaction (e.g., you and/or immediate family member (name))</b>
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<i>Please write "None" if applicable. Do not leave this space blank.</i>			

10. In the box below, identify each individual, business, corporation, union association, firm, partnership, committee proprietorship, franchise holding company, joint stock company, business or real estate trust, non-profit organization, or other organization or group of people doing business with the charter school *and* in which such entity, during the preceding school year, you and/or your immediate family member(s) had a financial interest or other relationship. If you are a member, director, officer or employee of an organization formally partnered with the school that is doing business with the school through a management or services agreement, you need not list every transaction between such entity and the school that is pursuant to such agreement; rather, please identify only the name of the entity, your position in the entity as well as the relationship between such entity and the charter school. If there was no financial interest, please write "None."

<b>Entity Conducting Business with the School</b>	<b>Nature of Business Conducted</b>	<b>Approximate Value of the Business Conducted</b>	<b>Name of Trustee and/or Immediate Family Holding an Interest in the Entity Conducting Business with the School and the Nature of the Interest</b>	<b>Steps Taken to Avoid Conflict of Interest</b>
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<i>Please write "None" if applicable. Do not leave this space blank.</i>				

*Vasthi Acosta*

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**Signature**

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**Date**

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Note: Please make a copy of this two page form for each Trustee

1. Name of charter school: Amber Charter

2. Trustee's name (print): Nicholas Rudonsfine

3. Position(s) on board (e.g., chair, treasurer, committee chair, etc.): Treasurer

4. Home address: 

5. Business Address: 

6. Daytime phone: 

7. E-mail: 

8. Is Trustee an employee of the school? \_\_\_ Yes.  No. If you checked yes, please provide a description of the position you hold, your salary and your start date.

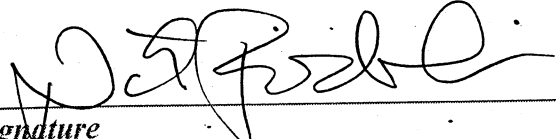
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<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Please write "None" if applicable. Do not leave this space blank.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">None</p>				

  
Signature




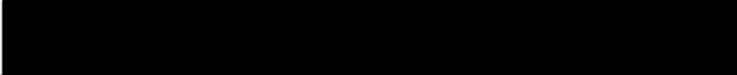
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Note: Please make a copy of this two page form for each Trustee

1. Name of charter school: Amber
2. Trustee's name (print): Julio RODRIGUEZ
3. Position(s) on board (e.g., chair, treasurer, committee chair, etc.): PARENT Rep.
4. Home address: 
5. Business Address: 
6. Daytime phone: 
7. E-mail: 
8. Is Trustee an employee of the school? \_\_\_ Yes.  No. If you checked yes, please provide a description of the position you hold, your salary and your start date.  

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<i>N/A</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>N/A</i>

*Please write "None" if applicable. Do not leave this space blank.*

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Entity Conducting Business with the School	Nature of Business Conducted	Approximate Value of the Business Conducted	Name of Trustee and/or Immediate Family Holding an Interest in the Entity Conducting Business with the School and the Nature of the Interest	Steps Taken to Avoid Conflict of Interest
<i>N/A</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>N/A</i>	

*Please write "None" if applicable. Do not leave this space blank.*

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
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 Signature

*7-27-10*  
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 Date



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Note: Please make a copy of this two page form for each Trustee

1. Name of charter school: Amber Charter School

2. Trustee's name (print): Evelyn Linares

3. Position(s) on board (e.g., chair, treasurer, committee chair, etc.): member

4. Home address: 

5. Business Address: 

6. Daytime phone: 

7. E-mail: 

8. Is Trustee an employee of the school? \_\_\_ Yes.  No. If you checked yes, please provide a description of the position you hold, your salary and your start date.

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Entity Conducting Business with the School	Nature of Business Conducted	Approximate Value of the Business Conducted	Name of Trustee and/or Immediate Family Holding an Interest in the Entity Conducting Business with the School and the Nature of the Interest	Steps Taken to Avoid Conflict of Interest
<i>Please write "None" if applicable. Do not leave this space blank.</i>				

*Coryn Lewis*  
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 Signature





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 Date

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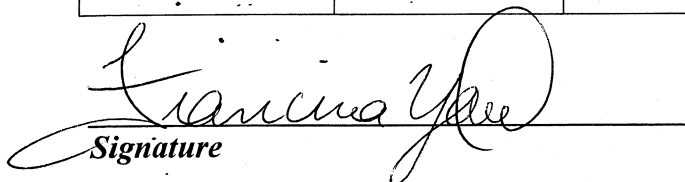
1. Name of charter school: Amber Charter School
2. Trustee's name (print): Francina yaw
3. Position(s) on board (e.g., chair, treasurer, committee chair, etc.): Teacher Representative
4. Home address: 
5. Business Address: 
6. Daytime phone: 
7. E-mail: 
8. Is Trustee an employee of the school?  Yes.  No. If you checked yes, please provide a description of the position you hold, your salary and your start date.  
Teacher ; approximately \$54,000 ; 9/1/2007
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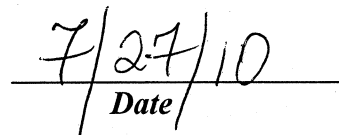
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None	None	None	None
<i>Please write "None" if applicable. Do not leave this space blank.</i>			

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Entity Conducting Business with the School	Nature of Business Conducted	Approximate Value of the Business Conducted	Name of Trustee and/or Immediate Family Holding an Interest in the Entity Conducting Business with the School and the Nature of the Interest	Steps Taken to Avoid Conflict of Interest
None	None	None	None	None
<i>Please write "None" if applicable. Do not leave this space blank.</i>				

  
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 Signature





  
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 Date

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BY A CHARTER SCHOOL TRUSTEE<sup>1</sup>

Note: Please make a copy of this two page form for each Trustee

1. Name of charter school: Amber Charter School
2. Trustee's name (print): DAVID BEGUS
3. Position(s) on board (e.g., chair, treasurer, committee chair, etc.): SECRETARY
4. Home address: 
5. Business Address: 
6. Daytime phone: 
7. E-mail: 
8. Is Trustee an employee of the school? \_\_\_ Yes.  No. If you checked yes, please provide a description of the position you hold, your salary and your start date.  

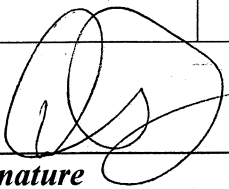
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<p>Please write "None" if applicable. Do not leave this space blank.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>None</i></p>			

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Entity Conducting Business with the School	Nature of Business Conducted	Approximate Value of the Business Conducted	Name of Trustee and/or Immediate Family Holding an Interest in the Entity Conducting Business with the School and the Nature of the Interest	Steps Taken to Avoid Conflict of Interest
<p>Please write "None" if applicable. Do not leave this space blank.</p>				

  
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 Signature

*7-28-10*  
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 Date

Section V

NEW YORK STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Disclosure of Financial Interest by a Charter School Trustee  
Annual Report

Name (print) Michael Stolper

Name of Charter School Amber Charter School

Charter Entity \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

Business Address \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

1. List all positions held on board (e.g., chair, treasurer, parent representative): \_\_\_\_\_

Vice Chair

2. Is the trustee an employee of the School? \_\_\_ Yes  No

3. If you checked Yes, please provide a description of the position you hold and your responsibilities, your salary and your start date.  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

4. Is the trustee an employee or agent of the management company? \_\_\_ Yes  No

5. Is the trustee an employee or agent of any institutional partner of the School? \_\_\_ Yes  No

Identify each interest/transaction (and provide the requested information) that you or any of your immediate family members or any persons who live with you in your house have held or engaged in with the charter school during the time you have served on the board, and in the six month period prior to such service. If there has been no such financial interest or transaction, write **none**. Please note that if you answered **yes** to Question 2, you need not disclose again your employment status, salary, etc.

<b>Date(s)</b>	<b>Nature of Financial Interest/Transaction</b>	<b>Steps taken to avoid a conflict of interest, (e.g., did not vote, did not participate in discussion)</b>	<b>Name of person holding interest or engaging in transaction and relationship to yourself</b>
N	J	NE	



Identify each individual, business, corporation, union association, firm, partnership, committee proprietorship, franchise holding company, joint stock company, business or real estate trust, non-profit organization, or other organization or group of people doing business with the School **and** in which such entity, during the time of your tenure as a trustee, you and/or your immediate family member or person living in your house had a financial interest or other relationship. If you are a member, director, officer or employee of an organization formally partnered with the School that is doing business with the School through a management or services agreement, you need not list every transaction between such organization and the School that is pursuant to such agreement. Instead, please identify only the name of the organization, your position in the organization as well as the relationship between such organization and the school. If there was no financial interest, write **none**.

Organization Conducting Business with the School	Nature of Business Conducted	Approximate Value of the Business Conducted	Name of Trustee/ Immediate Family/Member of Household Holding an Interest in the Organization Conducting Business with the School and the Nature of the Interest
ORRICK LLP	Legal representation PMS bond	Indefinite	self, I was a partner w/ ORRICK until 12/31/08.
Stolper Group LLP	"	"	self, I am a partner of The Stolper Group LLP as of 1/1/09

M. S. K.  
Signature

6/30/10  
Date

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30 day of June, 2010.





[Signature]  
Notary Public  
KHONDA JEN RONG QUAN  
Notary Public - State of New York  
NO. 01QU6111733  
Qualified in Kings County  
My Commission Expires 6/21/11

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Note: Please make a copy of this two page form for each Trustee

1. Name of charter school: Amber Charter School
2. Trustee's name (print): Elisabeth A. Mason
3. Position(s) on board (e.g., chair, treasurer, committee chair, etc.): Chair Ed. Committee
4. Home address: 
5. Business Address: 
6. Daytime phone: 
7. E-mail: 
8. Is Trustee an employee of the school?  Yes.  No. If you checked yes, please provide a description of the position you hold, your salary and your start date.  

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<p>Please write "None" if applicable. Do not leave this space blank.</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em;">None</p>				

Vasthi Acosta  
Signature




7.30.10  
Date

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Note: Please make a copy of this two page form for each Trustee

1. Name of charter school: Amber Charter School
2. Trustee's name (print): Soledad Hiciano
3. Position(s) on board (e.g., chair, treasurer, committee chair, etc.): Member
4. Home address: 
5. Business Address: 
6. Daytime phone: 
7. E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_
8. Is Trustee an employee of the school?  Yes.  No. If you checked yes, please provide a description of the position you hold, your salary and your start date.  
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<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Please write "None" if applicable. Do not leave this space blank.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em;"><i>None</i></p>				

*Walter Acosta*  
Signature

7.30.10  
Date

Resigned  
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Note: Please make a copy of this two page form for each Trustee

1. Name of charter school: Amber Charter School

2. Trustee's name (print): Christopher J. Brown

3. Position(s) on board (e.g., chair, treasurer, committee chair, etc.): Member

4. Home address: [Redacted]

5. Business Address: [Redacted]

6. Daytime phone: [Redacted]

7. E-mail: [Redacted]

As to  
Date of  
Resignation  
Accepted &  
Approved  
3/10/10

8. Is Trustee an employee of the school?  Yes.  No. If you checked yes, please provide a description of the position you hold, your salary and your start date.

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10. In the box below, identify each individual, business, corporation, union association, firm, partnership, committee proprietorship, franchise holding company, joint stock company, business or real estate trust, non-profit organization, or other organization or group of people doing business with the charter school *and* in which such entity, during the preceding school year, you and/or your immediate family member(s) had a financial interest or other relationship. If you are a member, director, officer or employee of an organization formally partnered with the school that is doing business with the school through a management or services agreement, you need not list every transaction between such entity and the school that is pursuant to such agreement; rather, please identify only the name of the entity, your position in the entity as well as the relationship between such entity and the charter school. If there was no financial interest, please *write "None."*

Entity Conducting Business with the School	Nature of Business Conducted	Approximate Value of the Business Conducted	Name of Trustee and/or Immediate Family Holding an Interest in the Entity Conducting Business with the School and the Nature of the Interest	Steps Taken to Avoid Conflict of Interest
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Please write "None" if applicable. Do not leave this space blank.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em;"><i>None</i></p>				

*Vivian Acosta*  
Signature

7.30.10  
Date

Resigned  
2/10

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DISCLOSURE OF FINANCIAL INTEREST  
BY A CHARTER SCHOOL TRUSTEE<sup>1</sup>

Note: Please make a copy of this two page form for each Trustee

1. Name of charter school: Amber Charter School

2. Trustee's name (print): Vicente M. Leon

3. Position(s) on board (e.g., chair, treasurer, committee chair, etc.): Member

4. Home address: [Redacted]

5. Business Address: [Redacted]

6. Daytime phone: [Redacted]

7. E-mail: [Redacted]

As to  
Date  
of  
Resignation  
Accepted  
& Approved  
3/10/10

8. Is Trustee an employee of the school? \_\_\_ Yes.  No. If you checked yes, please provide a description of the position you hold, your salary and your start date.

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9. In the box below, identify each interest/transaction (and provide the requested information) that you or any of your immediate family members have held or engaged in with the charter school during the prior school year. If there has been no such financial interest or transaction, please write "None." Please note that if you answered yes to Question 8, you need not disclose again your employment status, salary, etc.

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Victor Acosta  
Signature

7.30.10  
Date

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MEETING CHAIR:

Luis Miranda

MEETING SCRIBE:

Francina Yaw

MEETING LOCATION:

Amber Charter School Library

*ATTENDANCE:*

**Board:** Luis Miranda, Vasthi Acosta, Francina Yaw, David Briggs, Elizabeth Mason, Soledad

**Staff:** Darlene Molina, Courtnie Seweje, Sandy McCarthy, Nereida Morales, Zebedee Daniels, Francina Yaw, Jennifer Antolino

**Parents:** Teresa Ingram, Tiarrah Braswell

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**I. Call to Order**

Meeting called to order at 6:54pm

**II. Board Chair Report**

Luis welcomed everyone to the fourth board meeting for the 2009-2010 school year. He stated that there will be an executive session only for board members after the business session.

Luis shared that he had three items on his agenda to discuss, 1) Board Resignations, 2) State cuts anticipated, and 3) 10<sup>th</sup> year celebration

Board Resignations- Luis shared that we have two resignations. Vincente Leon has moved to Peru because he was asked to start the operation of a bank (HSBC); he still wants to be helpful in any way possible. Chris Brown is getting married, and will do so in Austria. Initially he wanted to take a leave of absence, but unfortunately that is not available, so he had to resign. Chris also wishes to continue participating in any way he can. Luis motioned for acceptance of these resignations, which was then moved by Elizabeth and seconded by all.

State cuts anticipated- Luis commented on the fact that we have to plan a budget for the upcoming school year, 2010-2011, with a five percent cut; of which Vasthi, Courtnie and Luis met earlier this week to figure out. Luis stated that if the cuts are necessary, he feels it is better to cut something entirely than to make little cuts from here and there; it will be

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necessary to think of big ticket items to cut. The administrative staff has been looking at “what if we added one more Kindergarten class.” It is a very prospective idea because with the number of applications that we have been receiving, we can easily admit a Kindergarten class.

10<sup>th</sup> year celebration- Our 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary is coming up, and although we would like to celebrate it we are not going to create an extravagant event to raise millions; instead a modest event that can maybe raise \$20,000 -\$30,000. We have a basement in our building that we can use to keep a fundraiser, where we can showcase the school, and maybe have special presentations for our guests.

### **III. Head of School Report**

Dr. Vasthi highlighted the following topics:

Instruction- We had our NYSED Site Visit on Thursday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2010 which went well. Some of the comments shared by the visitor, Ms. Kalimah Geter, were: “Lovely to see students engaged,” “Good use of technology/media to support instruction,” and “Liked the energy of the school and what was seen.” In January promotion in doubt letters were sent out, from which first and second graders were identified for extra help and began Saturday Academy.

Enrichment- Amber Charter School will host “Seussical” which is our 1<sup>st</sup> musical performance. The performance is lead by Star Anderson with support from Eva Morales, Kathleen McCann, Janee Bignon, and Eunice Gonzalez. Performances are scheduled for Friday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm and Saturday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm. We look forward to seeing you!! Darlene was able to reach out and got for us a donation from a local business to support our partnership with El Museo del Barrio. Also, in February, the Parent Association sponsored our Book Fair, in partnership with Barnes & Noble. Approximately 20% of the proceeds will be received.

Staff and Faculty – We have distributed and collected our Staff Preference forms. The feedback received is a 95% retention of faculty for school year 2010-2011. Also, Staff Developer, Nereida Morales, and Assistant Principal, Sandy McCarthy, attended SFA Experienced-Site Conference in Nashville, TN, in January, where they learned about improving implementation of the program.

Student Recruitment- Student Intent to Return forms were distributed and collected, referencing a retention rate of 98%, but this could be questionable. To date we have received 436 applications for the coming school year and we still have the rest of the month to go. Lottery will take place at the end of April.

Facility- COO is still pending as we are still working on it. The roof needs to be replaced. Dr. Vasthi commented that they have had several experts say the same thing, that the roof has lost “its legs.” Darlene commented that they have taken bids, where some experts have cited \$300,000 as being the cost. Other bids have ranged from \$9800 to \$94,000. David Briggs commented that Darlene should forward the information to him so he can take a look at it. Luis stated that they looked at the budget and saw that it is something that needs to be done.

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**IV. Approval Past Minutes**

Luis motioned to approve. Vasthi moved and Elizabeth second.

**V. CONVENE TO CLOSED SESSION**

7:30pm Luis offered the motion to go into executive session.

**VI. BOARD ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm

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STATEMENT OF ASSURANCES

Our signatures below attest that all of the information contained herein is truthful and accurate, and that this charter school is in compliance with all aspects of its charter, and with all pertinent Federal, State, and local laws, regulations, and rules. We understand that if any information in any part of this report is found to have been deliberately misrepresented, that will constitute grounds for the revocation of our charter.

Dr. Vasthi R. Acosta  
Print Name, Head of Charter School

*Vasthi R. Acosta* 7/26/10  
Signature and Date

Mr. Luis A. Miranda  
Print Name, President, Board of Trustees

*Luis A. Miranda*  
Signature and Date

*Sworn to before me  
this 26th day of July 2010*

**KIM RAMOS**  
Notary Public - State of New York  
No. 02RAG115497  
Qualified in Bronx County  
My Commission Expires 09/07/2012

*[Handwritten Signature]*