

**BCC Auxiliary Enterprises Corporation
(AEC)**
General Plenary Board Meeting Minutes
November 6, 2025
President's Conference Room – LH17
12:00 p.m.

Convener: Andrea Pinnock, Chair

Present: David Taylor, Bryan Gomez, Dionne Dodson, Paramita Sen
Kathy McGuire, Karen Thomas

Absent: Kiarra Maxwell, Akalia Dixon, Michael Williams, David Murch

Guests: Alex Luma, Eugene Adams, Warren Thompson, Gregory Rosenberg, Robert Whelan, Andre Scott, Shabazz Wilson, Patience Roberts

The meeting was called to order at 12:07 p.m. by Andrea Pinnock

1. Opening Remarks/Review/Recap:

- Fall 2025 second Auxiliary Enterprises Corporation (AEC) board meeting took place on 11/06/25. An overview was discussed with the group by AVP Pinnock. A roll call was done of the AEC board members who were present. AVP Pinnock (Chair), AVP Taylor (Treasurer), Ms. Karen Thomas (Secretary), Mr. Bryan Gomez (Vice Chair), Dionne Dodson Administrator, Kathy McGuire (External), Paramita Sen (Faculty).
- A review/approval of the minutes from the May 2025 and October 2025 meeting were tabled.

2. Open Discussions:

- Mr. Alex Luma and Mr. Eugene Adams provided documentation to support their request for funds for the BEYA and STEM conference which takes place on 2/14/2026 thru 2/26/2026. Mr. Luma stressed that students need to register for the conference by December. There are 50 students and 5 staff chaperones attending the conference. Mr. Adams explained that the program can potentially help students receive workshop credits from Morgan State University. Also, that the conference will pay for the student's hotel and registration. AVP Pinnock asked if there is an eligibility requirement for a student. Ms. Karen Thomas suggested possible credit for prior learning for students who attend the workshops at the conference. AVP Pinnock suggested working with Communications and Marketing for students that attend the BEYA conference to tell their experiences and ideas. Mr. Rosenberg suggested that funding from other resources may help (ex. academic affairs). He can check departments budget upon request. AVP Pinnock asked Mr. Adams to expand on

what level at the college does he suggest lend its support to the conference for students. Prof. Paramita Sen and AVP Pinnock agreed with all and stated that this is a good opportunity for the students.

- AVP Pinnock stated that there was not a quorum in today's board meeting. Quorum would consist of having 8 board members present. An e-vote will be conducted for the BEYA STEM conference.
- AVP Taylor tabled resolutions for Bronx Community-AEC to authorize signatories, Conflict of Interest Policy, Whistleblower Policy, Memorandum of Understanding. An e-vote will be conducted for the resolution of the Bridges and Tunnels NY Invoices.
- The committee moved on to the next proposal- 2025 Homecoming.
- Mr. Warren Thompson, chair of the 2025 Homecoming committee summarized the meaning of BCC home spirit which can provide a memorable college experience for BCC students. Mr. Thompson stated that Alumni and current students are invited to attend. Mr. Thompson listed some of the CUNY approved vendors that will participate in the event along with BCC departments. MBJ is the vendor supplying food for 300 students. The event will consist of a parade, marching band (faculty and staff) to bridge the campus together. The total request for funds is \$8,367 (which consist of a paint and sip event on 11/13 and homecoming on 11/18). AVP Taylor expressed happiness that the event is open to the campus community. Ms. Karen Thomas asked for clarification on the two events and if they were related. Mr. Robert Whelan stated that the Foundation does offer a similar event. Ms. Patience Roberts provided clarification. Mr. Gregory Rosenberg stated that the turnaround time for the request for funds is very tight. Also, he suggested moving forward, that the homecoming committee seek other funds (ex. the Foundation) to assist. Mr. Rosenberg stated that the AEC reserve funds is roughly \$15,000 and this request would take up half the reserves. Ms. Roberts stated that the Foundation was next in line to request for funds.
- AVP Taylor suggested that BCC's Homecoming next year be open to high schools and catholic schools. Mr. Andre Scott suggested that next year's homecoming theme should be like a party that can potentially bring in thousands of students.
- AVP Pinnock stated that the Purchasing Department and Vice President Manny Lopez are aware the homecoming committees request and the short turnaround time.
- Mr. Warren Thompson stated that homecoming can become sustainable moving forward. Ms. Shabazz Wilson wanted a fundraiser for homecoming facilitated by the Alumni Office. Mr. Robert Whelan stated that the homecoming event will not compete with Alumni's luncheon event. Prof. Paramita Sen expressed support for homecoming by possibly getting the Indian club to help with funding. Mr. Bryan Gomez asked if there can be some type of filming of the event. Ms. Dionne Dodson said yes that the students will be able to see the highlights. Athletics averages over 800 views when streaming their events. Mr. Thompson believes the event can foster student engagement.

3. Next Meeting:

- The next Auxiliary Enterprises Corporation General Plenary Board Meeting will be held on December 11, 2025.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:06 p.m. by AVP Andrea Pinnock, Chair

Prepared by Karen Thomas, Secretary