



**Regular Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, January 11, 2024, 5:00 p.m.**  
**Location: In Person at Address Below**

**WISH Community School (6-8)/WISH Academy High School**  
**7400 W. Manchester Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90045**

**and Via Zoom Virtual Meeting Platform**

**[Zoom Link](#)**

**Meeting ID: 829 8091 3041**

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Board President Miles Remer called the meeting to order at 5:14pm.

**II. ROLL CALL**

Board Members: Julie Grimm, Karina Fedasz, Dr. Mary McCullough, Suzanne Madison Goldstein, Miles Remer, Ben Tysch, Raj Makwana

Staff/Guests: Jennie Brook, Dr. Shawna Draxton, Janine Bielski

Absent: Jason Rudolph, Dr. Victoria Graf

Zoom Participants

Mike Johnston	Fernando Guerra

**III. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**IV. ITEMS FOR BOARD INFORMATION AND/OR DISCUSSION, INCLUDING COMMITTEE AND SCHOOL LEADERSHIP REPORTS**

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<sup>1</sup> Please see Notice No. 2 at the end of this agenda for complete public access information. Please note that in compliance with the Brown Act, as modified by AB 361, the physical locations of individual participants are omitted.

<b>Item 1:</b>	<b>Executive Director Monthly Report</b>
<b>Description:</b>	Comprehensive monthly report to the board on all operational and organizational matters, including academic achievement, climate and culture, human capital, and health and safety (including COVID-related matters as required)
<b>Purpose:</b>	Information and Discussion
<b>Presented By:</b>	Dr. Shawna Draxton
<b>Materials:</b>	To Be Distributed
<b>Est. Time:</b>	10 min
<b>Minutes:</b>	<p>Continue to follow base COVID protocols, turning in ELO-P report next week (West LA Extended Day and other programs, 9 hour program, 30 additional days), Schoolwide and Administrator Goals are in place for WASC and LCAP, LMU Partnerships - starting to look at Gates Grant 1, State and region teams coming to look at secondary programs, module work is in progress, LMU fieldwork and student teachers getting in place for Spring. Looking forward to reducing student teacher ratios. Continue to look at data in a variety of ways. This is the last quarter until state testing. Continue to hold ourselves to high standards - teachers had to create backwards plans during Monday's pupil free day. Testing occurs in May, results arrive in December. Quarter 3 has begun - flew in a special guest for DEI training on Monday, team building occurred today, planning for dances, spirit nights and pep rallies. Prop 39 accepted projected enrollment for WISH Community. WISH rejected districts' reduction of WISH Academy school's projection. Should hear more on February 1. Getting ready for the lottery in February. WASC teams in every school and are preparing every day for Site Review (Raj Makwana will attend March either AM or PM. Karina Fedasz - March PM, Miles Remer - March AM), Ben Tysch - April PM/Zoom). PD focused on Math, DEI, Culture.</p>

<b>Item #2:</b>	<b>Monitoring of WASC and LCAP (Integrated Single Plan for Student Achievement)</b>
<b>Description:</b>	Tools for local educational agencies to set goals, plan actions, and leverage resources to meet those goals to improve student outcomes
<b>Purpose:</b>	Review and Discussion
<b>Presented By:</b>	Dr. Shawna Draxton
<b>Materials:</b>	To Be Distributed
<b>Est. Time:</b>	10 min
<b>Minutes:</b>	See executive director update.

<b>Item #3:</b>	<b>Finance Updates</b>
<b>Description:</b>	Review of November 2023 financials, updated forecast, real estate analysis
<b>Purpose:</b>	Board Informative

<b>Presented By:</b>	Ben Tysch/ExED
<b>Materials:</b>	To Be Distributed
<b>Est. Time:</b>	10 min
<b>Minutes:</b>	Enrollment is currently 56 students below budget, resulting in a \$581K decrease in LCFF Revenue. Forecast includes \$773K of restricted one-time funds. An additional \$959K remains available to spend through FY27/28. Forecast assumes \$1.8M of unrestricted revenue from the ERC tax credit is received by June 2024.

<b>Item #4:</b>	<b>Committee Updates and Progress Tracking</b>
<b>Description:</b>	Audit Committee Curriculum Committee Executive Committee Finance Committee Facilities Committee
<b>Purpose:</b>	Board Informative
<b>Presented By:</b>	Committee Chairs
<b>Materials:</b>	To Be Distributed
<b>Est. Time:</b>	15 min
<b>Minutes:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Audit Committee No update at this time</li> <li>● Curriculum Committee The next quarterly meeting is scheduled for March</li> <li>● Executive Committee Suzanne reported that the committee is working on committee tracking document to chart progress against strategic plan/goals, and is meeting regularly with executive director regarding operational matters and planning</li> <li>● Finance Committee No update at this time</li> <li>● Facilities Committee Dr. Guerra reported that the committee met Discussed Prop 39 negotiations, major changes in market, matriculation conversation</li> </ul>

<b>Item #5:</b>	<b>Legislative and General Updates</b>
<b>Description:</b>	Review of legal and legislative updates impacting charter governance (if any).
<b>Purpose:</b>	Board Informative
<b>Presented By:</b>	Suzanne Madison Goldstein/Jason Rudolph
<b>Materials:</b>	To Be Distributed
<b>Est. Time:</b>	30 min
<b>Minutes:</b>	No updates at this time.

<b>Item #6:</b>	<b>Development/WISHForward Updates</b>
<b>Description:</b>	Review of development team's work and fundraising/planning re same

<b>Purpose:</b>	Board Informative
<b>Presented By:</b>	Karina Fedasz
<b>Materials:</b>	N/A
<b>Est. Time:</b>	5 min
<b>Minutes:</b>	<p>Congratulations to Stephan Baum-Harvey for his December graduation from UC Berkeley! Finishing in 2 ½ years, Stephan is WISH’s first college graduate! Foundations team is working with Dr. Graf and Dr. McCullough. Our key events for this year, which the committees are working on regularly, include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annual Gala 2024 : to be held on March 16th 2024, honorees have now been notified</li> <li>• Annual Golf Tournament 2024 : to be held on April 15, 2024. WISHForward has our donor and sponsorship document</li> <li>• Party Book events : the first event took place at Studio MDR on December 3, 2023, hosted by the Stybel family, and raised over \$1200</li> </ul> <p>Karina Fedasz previewed the annual report and should have that completed shortly.</p> <p>To learn about our fundraising efforts, including the work we are doing to assist in foundation grants, please direct all inquiries to our website at <a href="http://www.wishforward.org">www.wishforward.org</a>, which will also have updates on the Gala, the Golf tournament, as well as our latest and greatest party book events.</p> <p><i>If you know of a corporate sponsor that would like to donate / be a sponsor for the Golf Event, or other, please connect with Karina Fedasz via <a href="mailto:kfedasz@wishcharter.org">kfedasz@wishcharter.org</a>.</i></p>

<b>Item #7:</b>	<b>Board Development and Recruitment</b>
<b>Description:</b>	Update
<b>Purpose:</b>	Discussion
<b>Presented By:</b>	Dr. Mary McCullough
<b>Materials:</b>	None
<b>Est. Time:</b>	5 min
<b>Minutes:</b>	WISH has one opening for a board member.

<b>Item #8:</b>	<b>Board Committee Assignments and Charters</b>
<b>Description:</b>	Discuss current assignments and Committee Charters
<b>Purpose:</b>	Strategic planning
<b>Presented By:</b>	Dr. Mary McCullough
<b>Materials:</b>	Board Folder
<b>Est. Time:</b>	5 min
<b>Minutes:</b>	Brief discussion that this standing agenda item is no longer necessary. Going forward this item will be removed.

<b>Item #9:</b>	<b>CA School Dashboard Indicators and DFS Metric</b>
<b>Description:</b>	Discuss CA Dashboard items/academic accountability
<b>Purpose:</b>	Board Informative
<b>Presented By:</b>	Dr. Shawna Draxton
<b>Materials:</b>	CA Dashboard for WISH Community and Academy
<b>Est. Time:</b>	5 min
<b>Minutes:</b>	Academic data has been reviewed by the board, and board reviewed WISH data against other schools. New college monitoring indicators are being continuously evaluated.

<b>Item #10:</b>	<b>CalSAS Monitoring</b>
<b>Description:</b>	Ongoing monitoring and responses to any exceptions identified by the CTC
<b>Purpose:</b>	Discussion
<b>Presented By:</b>	Dr. Shawna Draxton
<b>Materials:</b>	Board Folder
<b>Est. Time:</b>	10 min
<b>Minutes:</b>	None at this time.

<b>Item #11:</b>	<b>Compliance Monitoring</b>
<b>Description:</b>	Ongoing monitoring and responses to any updates
<b>Purpose:</b>	Review and Discussion
<b>Presented By:</b>	Suzanne Madison Goldstein/Jason Rudolph
<b>Materials:</b>	Board Folder
<b>Est. Time:</b>	10 min
<b>Minutes:</b>	Compliance review occurred at the last meeting. No new updates at this time.

**V. ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION**

**A. CONSENT ACTION ITEMS:** Items for action below assigned by the Board at the meeting to be adopted by a single vote. Any item may be pulled off of consent for further discussion by any Board Member at any time before action is taken.

<b>Item #1:</b>	<b>Approval of Board Minutes from December 14, 2023</b>
<b>Description:</b>	Review and approve December 14, 2023 meeting minutes
<b>Purpose:</b>	Vote
<b>Presented By:</b>	Suzanne Madison Goldstein
<b>Materials:</b>	December Meeting Minutes
<b>Est. Time:</b>	2 min

Suzanne Madison Goldstein moved to approve this item on the consent agenda, Julie Grimm seconded. The item passed 7-0-3-1 (Y - Goldstein, Grimm, Makwana, Fedasz, McCullough, Remer, Tysch, N - N/A, Absent - Guerra, Graf, Rudolph, Abstain - Tysch, Zoom - N/A).

**B. ACTION ITEMS:**

<b>Item #1:</b>	<b>School Accountability Report Card (SARC) - WISH Community School</b>
<b>Description:</b>	Governing board approval is required by authorizer MOU or charter petition.
<b>Purpose:</b>	Board Approval Required
<b>Presented By:</b>	Dr. Shawna Draxton
<b>Materials:</b>	Board Folder
<b>Est. Time:</b>	10 min

The School Accountability Report Card is done every year. All items have been reviewed by the board in prior meetings.

Ben Tysch moved to approve this item, Raj Makwana seconded. The item passed unanimously 7-0-3-0 (Y - Goldstein, Grimm, Makwana, Fedasz, McCullough, Remer, Tysch, N - N/A, Absent - Graf, Guerra, Rudolph, Abstain - N/A, Zoom - N/A).

<b>Item #2:</b>	<b>School Accountability Report Card (SARC) - WISH Academy High School</b>
<b>Description:</b>	Governing board approval is required by authorizer MOU or charter petition.
<b>Purpose:</b>	Board Approval Required
<b>Presented By:</b>	Dr. Shawna Draxton
<b>Materials:</b>	Board Folder
<b>Est. Time:</b>	10 min

Dr. Mary McCullough moved to approve this item, Ben Tysch seconded. The item passed unanimously 7-0-3-0 (Y - Goldstein, Grimm, Makwana, Fedasz, McCullough, Remer, Tysch, N - N/A, Absent - Graf, Guerra, Rudolph, Abstain - N/A, Zoom - N/A).

**VI. CLOSED SESSION ITEMS:**

<b>Item 1:</b>	<b>Anticipated Litigation and/or Conference with Legal Counsel</b>
<b>Description:</b>	<u>Conference with legal counsel re anticipated legal action</u> – Closed session subject to: California Government Code section 54956.9(b)
<b>Purpose:</b>	Information and Discussion of Anticipated Litigation with Legal Counsel
<b>Presented By:</b>	Suzanne Madison Goldstein with counsel from YMC
<b>Materials:</b>	N/A
<b>Est. Time</b>	10 min

No items for closed session.

**IX ADJOURNMENT:**

Board President Miles Remer adjourned the meeting at 6:56pm.