



**Regular Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, March 14, 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**

**Password: JqU5rN<sup>1</sup>**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Board President Miles Remer called the meeting to order at 5:31pm.

**II. ROLL CALL**

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

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

Absent: Dr. Victoria Graf, Jason Rudolph, Dr. Mary McCullough, Fernando Guerra

Zoom Participants

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Mike Johnston, ExED	Sylvia Jauregui, LMU
Sashary Zaroyan, LMU	

**III. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Two LMU representatives, LMU Family of Schools Director and LMU School of Education's Associate Dean of Strategic Engagement and Initiatives, and introduced themselves to the board during public comment via zoom. The LMU teams will be coming back in the next few weeks to share proposals and discuss weaving AI and platforms into the work that WISH

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does. They were able to observe kids enjoying being at school today. Looking forward to future site visits. Working with the university to support WISH for Lions for Learning, meeting with LMU’s math department regarding tutoring.

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

<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>	Return to School information has been updated per the city’s updates. ELO-P Spring Break camps will be held for both ES and MS. Also looking at outside providers for high dosage tutoring. Gates Grant 1 is module work is in progress. SIP Partnership feedback on WISH materials is very complimentary. Joining us this evening are! Continuing with Lunch Vendor for the remainder of the year. WISH Academy has received a huge award from State Superintendent Tony Thurmond for the 2024 California Distinguished Award. Naismith Award went to Senior Aidan Goldstein who has appeared on television as well. WISH Academy’s Head of Music and Grammy Award Winner Markus Illko was on the front of the HomeTown News with his class, College acceptances continue to come in. No changes to the California School Dashboard. Dr. Draxton and the board are headed to the CCSA Conference next week. CDE released the Charter Schools Renewal Performance Categories - WISH Community School is considered High Performing and WISH Academy High School is Middle Performing because of yellow for the new category of CCI (Career and College Indicators). Changes are already in place to make adjustments and obtain grant funds. School Culture includes Acadeca, Spelling Bee, Dances and Into The Woods. WISH recently responded to Prop 39 negotiations to accept the preliminary proposal. All enrollment offers for 24-25 have been made. Over 100 folks for MS and HS respectively were on campus yesterday for first class presentations for accepted families.

<b>Item #2:</b>	<b>Monitoring of WASC and LCAP (Integrated Single Plan for Student Achievement)</b>
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<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>	No updates at this time.

<b>Item #3:</b>	<b>Finance Updates</b>
<b>Description:</b>	Review of January 2024 financials, updated forecast, and 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 63 students below budget, resulting in a \$701K decrease in LCFF Revenue. Forecast includes \$781K of restricted one-time funds. An additional \$952K remains available to spend through FY27/28. Forecast assumes \$1.8M of unrestricted revenue from the ERC tax credit is received in June 2024. If ERC tax credits are not recognized until next fiscal year, the net loss for FY23/24 would be -\$1.22M and ending cash would be \$1.0M. Request was made by Board to separate the two schools' finances at a granular level on ADA and income.

<b>Item #4:</b>	<b>Committee Updates</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>	Audit Committee - Plan to put forward the recommendation at the next meeting Curriculum Committee - Today's meeting was rescheduled, will report out during next month's meeting Executive Committee - Will be covered later in the agenda Finance Committee - Covered Finance earlier Facilities Committee - No updates other than discussion on strategy for private facility space

<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>	Discussion of upcoming WISH Gala. Expecting 200 guests and looking forward to honoring our amazing special guests and educators. Golf Event is next month. Will be able to report out in May for both events.

<b>Item #7:</b>	<b>Board Development and Recruitment</b>
<b>Description:</b>	Update
<b>Purpose:</b>	Discussion
<b>Presented By:</b>	Miles Remer
<b>Materials:</b>	None
<b>Est. Time:</b>	5 min
<b>Minutes:</b>	Still have one extra board spot.

<b>Item #8:</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>	Updates were shared in Dr. Draxton's Board Report. Every meeting will continue to show details associated with these areas.

<b>Item #9:</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>	WISH continues to support teachers to ensure teachers are properly credentialed and placed.

<b>Item #10:</b>	<b>LAUSD CSD Oversight Visit Dates and Compliance Monitoring</b>
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<b>Description:</b>	LAUSD Oversight Visit for WISH Community: March 21 LAUSD Oversight Visit for WISH Academy: April 23
<b>Purpose:</b>	Review and Discussion
<b>Presented By:</b>	Dr. Shawna Draxton
<b>Materials:</b>	Board Folder
<b>Est. Time:</b>	10 min
<b>Minutes:</b>	Coordinated board schedules to cement participation for each AM and PM time slot for both oversight visits for both schools. WISH Community School AM - Raj Makwana, PM - Karina Fedasz. WISH Academy High School AM - Miles Remer, PM - Ben Tysch via Zoom.

<b>Item #11:</b>	<b>Form 700</b>
<b>Description:</b>	Due April 2nd online for Period covered is January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023
<b>Purpose:</b>	2022-2023 completed forms and 2023-2024 new forms are available on <a href="https://lacform700.lacounty.gov/Login.aspx">https://lacform700.lacounty.gov/Login.aspx</a> .
<b>Presented By:</b>	Suzanne Madison Goldstein
<b>Materials:</b>	Board Folder
<b>Est. Time:</b>	5 min
<b>Minutes:</b>	Reviewed procedures and the list of Board Members who have supplied Form 700 thus far. Directed board to materials in folder if they have any questions.

<b>Item #12:</b>	<b>Executive Director Evaluation - Timeline and Update</b>
<b>Description:</b>	Plan for ED evaluation for current year
<b>Purpose:</b>	Oversight
<b>Presented By:</b>	Suzanne Madison Goldstein
<b>Materials:</b>	Board Folder
<b>Est. Time:</b>	5 min
<b>Minutes:</b>	Reviewed documentation for the plan for the next ED Evaluation. Will include full or partial day observation visits from board members depending on areas of expertise, comprehensive compensation survey and written report and recommendation.

<b>Item #13:</b>	<b>Notification to WISH Board of Board Member Miles Remer's Nonparticipation in Potential Investment Matters</b>
<b>Description:</b>	As a partner at a large international audit firm, Board President Miles Remer is required per his firm's policy (and in accordance with WISH's policies and COI) to provide notice that he will not participate in any potential board discussion or action regarding investment matters
<b>Purpose:</b>	Compliance with Disclosure/COI Requirements
<b>Presented By:</b>	Miles Remer
<b>Materials:</b>	Board Folder
<b>Est. Time:</b>	5 min

<b>Minutes:</b>	The Board President shared his policy with board members. Even though WISH doesn't do any investments, he will recuse himself should there be any conflict of interest.
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**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 February 12, 2024</b>
<b>Description:</b>	Review and approve February 12, 2024 meeting minutes
<b>Purpose:</b>	Vote
<b>Presented By:</b>	Suzanne Madison Goldstein
<b>Materials:</b>	February Meeting Minutes
<b>Est. Time:</b>	2 min

Ben Tysch moved to approve this item on the consent agenda, Karina Fedasz seconded. The item passed 6-0-4-0 (Y - Goldstein, Makwana, Fedasz, Remer, Tysch, Grimm, N - N/A, Absent - Graf, Rudolph, McCullough, Guerra, Abstain - 0, Zoom - 0).

**B. ACTION ITEMS:**

<b>Item #1:</b>	<b>Policy Revision/Review</b>
<b>Description:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Title IX Grievance Procedures – Adoption of newly promulgated guidance in conjunction with potential Title IX grievances</li> </ul>
<b>Purpose:</b>	Board approval needed
<b>Presented By:</b>	Suzanne Madison Goldstein
<b>Materials:</b>	Board Folder
<b>Est. Time:</b>	5 min

This is a recommended addition to WISH's current Title IX policy relating solely to grievance procedures. We expect substantive updates to Title IX perhaps in Summer 2024. In the meantime, best practice is to formally adopt this update, which WISH is already following in practice.

Ben Tysch moved to approve this item, Raj Makwana seconded. The item passed unanimously 6-0-4-0 (Y - Goldstein, Makwana, Fedasz, Remer, Tysch, Grimm, N - N/A, Absent - Graf, Rudolph, McCullough, Guerra, Abstain - 0, Zoom - 0).

<b>Item #2:</b>	<b>FY23/24 Second Interim Financial Reports for WISH Community School</b>
<b>Description:</b>	Update
<b>Purpose:</b>	Discussion and Vote
<b>Presented By:</b>	Ben Tysch/ExED
<b>Materials:</b>	Board Folder
<b>Est. Time:</b>	5 min

These reports go to the district and the state and go towards the Financial Dashboard. Discussed the details of the report earlier with ExED.

Ben Tysch moved to approve this item, Julie Grimm seconded. The item passed unanimously 6-0-4-0 (Y - Goldstein, Makwana, Fedasz, Remer, Tysch, Grimm, N - N/A, Absent - Graf, Rudolph, McCullough, Guerra, Abstain - 0, Zoom - 0).

<b>Item #3:</b>	<b>FY23/24 Second Interim Financial Reports for WISH Academy High School</b>
<b>Description:</b>	Update
<b>Purpose:</b>	Discussion and Vote
<b>Presented By:</b>	Ben Tysch/ExED
<b>Materials:</b>	Board Folder
<b>Est. Time:</b>	5 min

This document is the same report as the above item but for the high school.

Ben Tysch moved to approve this item, Suzanne Goldstein seconded. The item passed unanimously 6-0-4-0 (Y - Goldstein, Makwana, Fedasz, Remer, Tysch, Grimm, N - N/A, Absent - Graf, Rudolph, McCullough, Guerra, Abstain - 0, Zoom - 0).

**VI. CLOSED SESSION ITEMS:**

<b>Item 1:</b>	<b>Anticipated Litigation and/or Conference with Legal Counsel</b>
<b>Description:</b>	Conference with legal counsel regarding: <u>1) pending legal action</u> in a) OAH Case No 2023100534 and b) OAH Caso No. TBD - filed 3/8/24; and 2) anticipated litigation. 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

The Board President announced that the board would go into closed session pursuant to the above-cited statute at 6:40pm. The board came out of closed session at 7:06pm. The board president reported out as follows:

No action taken.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT:**

Board President Miles Remer adjourned the meeting at 7:06pm.