



**Regular Board Meeting Minutes**  
**WISH Community TK-8 and WISH Academy 9-12**  
**Thursday, October 16, 2025, 5:00 p.m.**

**Location: In Person at the Address Below**  
**WISH Community School (TK-5)**  
**6550 W. 80th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90045\***

\*Secondary location available for teleconference access to the board meeting at the 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>**

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Board President Raj Makwana called the meeting to order at 5:14 pm.

**II. ROLL CALL**

Board Members: Suzanne Madison Goldstein, Raj Makwana, Dr. Victoria Graf, Dr. Mary McCullough, Ben Tysch, Karina Fedasz (left at 6:29pm), Ben Tysch, Miles Remer (arrived 5:34pm)

Staff/Guests: Jennie Brook, Dr. Shawna Draxton, Janine Bielski, High School Principal Christa Hollis, Jana and Michael Koppula, 12th grade parent and student

Absent: Fernando Guerra, Julie Grimm

**Zoom Participants**

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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.

Mike Johnston, ExED	Lana Likic, TK and 2nd grade parent

### III. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

### 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, health and safety, SSC and WCA, WCA Leadership, LCAP, WASC
<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>	Handbook redlines, suicide prevention and medication distribution redlines, school site council bylaws redline will need to be reviewed and approved tonight, curriculum and independent study policies being reviewed by lawyers. Discussed difference between SSC and WCA. ELOP vendors will come to our next meeting. WASC mid year review has been scheduled in December, November and February. LMU Dr McCullough is supporting on math instruction and special project in collaboration with Dean Zarate. SBAC School Comparison 24-25 comparisons show WISH has outperformed adjacent schools. School culture is great, Hollis is building out the high school beautifully! Renewal tracks might change in November.

<b>Item #2:</b>	<b>Updates by ES Principal and Director of Special Services</b>
<b>Description:</b>	Update from Principal Oney and Rachel Woodward
<b>Purpose:</b>	Discussion
<b>Presented By:</b>	Dr. Shawna Draxton
<b>Materials:</b>	None
<b>Est. Time:</b>	10 min
<b>Minutes:</b>	Elementary School Principal Oney starting off the year strong. BOY assessments, classes thriving and students growing, so nice to have third TK class, student council just started, PBIS creating positive culture on campus. 24-25 reading growth highest level of students meeting/exceeding since we started tracking data. Reading coordinator position implemented last three years is due to this as well as afterschool 6 weeks targeted intervention. SBAC Results (state testing balanced assessment in 3-5th grade in elementary school). Average of 73.3% meeting or exceeding in Math, 79%

	<p>meeting or exceeding in ELA for 24-25. Risk of Readers Screening practices - WISH are using Amira Dyslexia Screening that is being funded by the state this year. 5-12 minute assessment per student to flag students that might be at potential risk with follow up to families with what they can do at home and what is being done at school.</p> <p>Director of Special Services Rachel Woodward - IEP meetings photos show a wide variety of abilities and disabilities and including students in their meetings so they can learn about themselves to advocate for themselves which is a big push. Dedicated professional committed to student success, fully staffed to provide special education services and supports (ES - 3.5 sped teachers, MS 2.5 SPED teachers, HS - 3 Sped teachers) team of committed paraprofessionals, service provides in these areas - language &amp; speech, occupational therapy, physical therapy, school counselors, deaf &amp; hard of hearing, orientation &amp; mobility, visually impaired, school psychology. Training hosted - related services: what, why , how training to 50 people in attendance from the LA charter community, Spring: Creating Inclusive Related Services (CIRS). Q1 Para PD - Augmentative &amp; Alternative Communication (AAC) &amp; Real time Data Collection, Monthly: methods and practices for real-time data collection and progress monitoring, grant submitted to fund counseling staff to attend PEERS training through UCLA.</p> <p>High School Principal Hollis shared that exhibitions coming up next week on Thursday. Michael Koppula's exhibition is on prison reform. Everything from African American hairstyles, motorcycle maintenance. The synthesis is in how it relates to other classes like calculus. Michael integrated calculus skill of graphical models to predict data models. Other students are using equations as an example. Every student is involved so that they can all present</p> <p>9th grader for a day next week will include unique seating arrangements. YMCA Haunted House Maze on Friday next week spearheaded</p> <p>Bands and Brews on Saturday. US News and World Report has reported WISH Academy is in the top 20% of high schools in the country. Pop up experience tomorrow by Sounds Like LA by an Indonesian gamalon master. At the November meeting, Principal Hollis will be bringing the cast of The Little Shop of Horrors.</p> <p>Michael is interested in electrical engineering for musical and medical fields, head of the AV ES/MS/HS teams. Looking at UCs, Cal Poly schools, some schools in Chicago and NY, Georgia Tech, Stanford.</p>
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<b>Item #3:</b>	<b>Finance Updates</b>
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<b>Description:</b>	Review August 2025 financials
<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>	August Enrollment was currently 17 students below budget, resulting in a \$214K decrease in LCFF Revenue. Forecast includes \$534K of restricted one-time funds. An additional \$708K remains available to spend through FY27/28. Forecast also includes \$402K of unrestricted one-time revenue related to the ERC interest less consulting fees. As of August 2025, WISH Academy has fully repaid the cash flow loan from WISH Community. As of August 2025 WISH has achieved \$36K or 4% of its \$837K fundraising target.

<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 - not at the moment Curriculum Committee - will be looking at curriculum policy Executive Committee - not at this time Finance Committee - spoke today with Mike regarding oversight findings, will be on next month's agenda Facilities Committee - no meeting this month

<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
<b>Materials:</b>	To Be Distributed
<b>Est. Time:</b>	30 min
<b>Minutes:</b>	AB 84 passed the Assembly, but was killed in the Senate. The corresponding more limited Senate bill passed but Governor Newsom vetoed it. Status quo for the time being

<b>Item #6:</b>	<b>Development/WISHForward Updates</b>
<b>Description:</b>	Review of the development team's work and fundraising/planning regarding the 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>	Brought in \$12k at Dad's Poker Night! MS Math teacher Guyer, ES Coach Martinez and HS Coach Samela were in attendance. Non-profit donations this year have a better write-off. Reminder that March 21 is the Gala date.

<b>Item #7:</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>	Dashboard indicators come out in three weeks.

<b>Item #8:</b>	<b>CalSAAS 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>	Continue to monitor teachers and credentials. Rules are changing so WISH will be doing this in July and August.

<b>Item #9:</b>	<b>Compliance Monitoring</b>
<b>Description:</b>	Ongoing monitoring and responses to any updates ● Updates re: additional compliance matters
<b>Purpose:</b>	Review and Discussion
<b>Presented By:</b>	Suzanne Madison Goldstein
<b>Materials:</b>	Board Folder
<b>Est. Time:</b>	10 min
<b>Minutes:</b>	Nothing at this time.

<b>Item #10:</b>	<b>Board Retreat for 2025-26</b>
<b>Description:</b>	Planning this year's board retreat
<b>Purpose:</b>	Review and Discussion
<b>Presented By:</b>	Raj Makwana
<b>Materials:</b>	None
<b>Est. Time:</b>	5 min
<b>Minutes:</b>	Working with LMU to schedule.

<b>Item #11:</b>	<b>Charter Renewal</b>
<b>Description:</b>	Timeline, Options for Merging Charters, Renewal Tracks
<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>	Reviewed materials in the board folder, specifically with pros and cons of a merge. Will meet separately to discuss in greater detail. Board members are requested to add questions to the deck.

<b>Item #12:</b>	<b>Board Policy Review 2025</b>
<b>Description:</b>	Policy spreadsheet
<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>	Board reviewed spreadsheet and discussed process for board review and that board approval will occur after legal team reviews policies

## V. ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION

**A. CONSENT ACTION ITEMS:** Items for action below are assigned by the Board at the meeting to be adopted by a single vote. Any item may be pulled off 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 September 18, 2025</b>
<b>Description:</b>	Review and approve the September 18, 2025, meeting minutes
<b>Purpose:</b>	Vote
<b>Presented By:</b>	Suzanne Madison Goldstein
<b>Materials:</b>	September Meeting Minutes
<b>Est. Time:</b>	2 min

Miles Remer moved to approve these items on the consent agenda, Suzanne Madison Goldstein seconded. The item passed unanimously 6-0-3-0-0 (Y - Remer, Goldstein, Graf, Makwana, McCullough, Tysch, N - 0, Absent - Grimm, Guerra, Fedasz, Abstain - 0, Zoom - 0)

## B. ACTION ITEMS:

<b>Item #1:</b>	<b>School Site Council Bylaws</b>
<b>Description:</b>	Review and vote on the bylaws for WISH Community and WISH Academy
<b>Purpose:</b>	Oversight
<b>Presented By:</b>	Dr. Shawna Draxton
<b>Materials:</b>	Board Folder
<b>Est. Time:</b>	5 min

Ben Tysch moved to approve this item, Miles Remer seconded. The item passed unanimously 6-0-3-0-0 (Y - Remer, Goldstein, Graf, Makwana, McCullough, Tysch, N - 0, Absent - Grimm, Guerra, Fedasz, Abstain - 0, Zoom - 0)

<b>Item #2:</b>	<b>Confidential Settlement Report – OAH Case No. 2025060201</b>
<b>Description:</b>	Public Record of Confidential Settlement Previously Approved By Board
<b>Purpose:</b>	Compliance
<b>Presented By:</b>	Suzanne Madison Goldstein
<b>Materials:</b>	Board Folder
<b>Est. Time:</b>	5 min

Miles Remer moved to approve this item, Dr. Mary McCullough seconded. The item passed unanimously 6-0-3-0-0 (Y - Remer, Goldstein, Graf, Makwana, McCullough, Tysch, N - 0, Absent - Grimm, Guerra, Fedasz, Abstain - 0, Zoom - 0)

<b>Item #3:</b>	<b>WISH Community 25-26 Handbook</b>
<b>Description:</b>	Final review and approval of previously reviewed handbooks
<b>Purpose:</b>	Discussion and Vote
<b>Presented By:</b>	Suzanne Goldstein
<b>Materials:</b>	In Board Folder
<b>Est. Time:</b>	10 min

Redlined document has been reviewed by board members.

Miles Remer moved to approve this item, Dr. Mary McCullough seconded. The item passed unanimously 6-0-3-0-0 (Y - Remer, Goldstein, Graf, Makwana, McCullough, Tysch, N - 0, Absent - Grimm, Guerra, Fedasz, Abstain - 0, Zoom - 0)

<b>Item #4:</b>	<b>WISH Academy 25-26 Handbook</b>
<b>Description:</b>	Final review and approval of previously reviewed handbooks
<b>Purpose:</b>	Discussion and Vote
<b>Presented By:</b>	Suzanne Goldstein
<b>Materials:</b>	In Board Folder
<b>Est. Time:</b>	10 min

Redlined document has been reviewed by board members.

Miles Remer moved to approve this item, Dr. Vicki Graf seconded. The item passed unanimously 6-0-3-0-0 (Y - Remer, Goldstein, Graf, Makwana, McCullough, Tysch, N - 0, Absent - Grimm, Guerra, Fedasz, Abstain - 0, Zoom - 0)

<b>Item #5:</b>	<b>Policy Revision/Review</b>
<b>Description:</b>	Updates and required revisions to the following board policies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Medication Distribution Policy</li> <li>• Suicide Prevention and Intervention Policy</li> </ul>

<b>Purpose:</b>	Board approval needed
<b>Presented By:</b>	Suzanne Madison Goldstein
<b>Materials:</b>	Proposed revised policies in Board Folder
<b>Est. Time:</b>	5 min

Documents in board folder.

Ben Tysch moved to approve this item, Miles Remer seconded. The items passed unanimously 6-0-3-0-0 (Y - Remer, Goldstein, Graf, Makwana, McCullough, Tysch, N - 0, Absent - Grimm, Guerra, Fedasz, Abstain - 0, Zoom - 0)

## VI. CLOSED SESSION ITEMS:

<b>Item #1:</b>	<b>Pending Litigation and/or Conference with Legal Counsel</b>
<b>Description:</b>	<u>Conference with legal counsel re pending action</u> – OAH Case No. _____ (not yet assigned) Closed session subject to: California Government Code sections 54956.9(d)(2), 54956.9(d)(4), 54956.9(e)(2), 54956.9(e)(5)
<b>Purpose:</b>	Information and Discussion of Pending Litigation and/or Conference with Legal Counsel
<b>Presented By:</b>	Suzanne Madison Goldstein, with counsel from YMC
<b>Materials:</b>	N/A

The board entered into closed session at 6:50 pm.

The board came out of closed session at 7:34 pm. The Board President reported as follows:

No action taken.

## IX. ADJOURNMENT:

Board President Raj Makwana adjourned the meeting at 7:36 pm.