



**Regular Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, February 13, 2025, 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\***

\*Secondary location available for teleconference access to the board meeting at the WISH Community School (TK-5) campus, 6550 W. 80th Street, 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 Miles Remer called the meeting to order at 5:07 pm.

**II. ROLL CALL**

Board Members: Miles Remer, Karina Fedasz, Ben Tysch, Suzanne Madison Goldstein, Fernando Guerra, Raj Makwana

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

Absent: Jason Rudolph, Julie Grimm

**Zoom Participants**

Mike Johnston, ExED	Mary McCullough

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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.

**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, 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>	Semester 2 is underway, ELOP in place, LCAP and WASC benchmark and MOY verified data are in progress, Q3 current focus is data chats, Cinemagic from Ireland is coming out to WISH Academy, SIP partnership. We are spending a lot of time looking at state data, and are doing data dive tomorrow with other high schools. In terms of culture, we have Valentine Grams happening tomorrow and we are looking forward to Q3 pep rally. Thanks to WISH Forward, Michael Goldstein and Eric Steinberg for their help with a STEM grant which is supporting the high school's upcoming SeaWorld trip. WISH does not have a signed alternative agreement but have received a prop 39 offer for the 25-26 school year. We are preparing for the upcoming site review. Staffing is complete; however, HS principal has continued medical leave for another 6 weeks. Staff is working on the renewal packet. PD focus is on math and school culture.

<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>	Nothing to report

<b>Item #3:</b>	<b>Finance Updates</b>
<b>Description:</b>	December 2024 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>	The financial focus from the retreat was budget performance, NI margin, 60 days cash on hand and clean audit. As of December 2024, WISH has achieved \$488K or 59.6% of its \$818K fundraising goal.

<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 - no updates Curriculum Committee - met today, data chat discussion, shared ideas about math Executive Committee - meeting frequently, operations oversight and ED evaluation process Finance Committee - borrowing resolutions discussed, contract spreadsheet is underway Facilities Committee - reviewed board retreat conversation

<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>	Our key events for this year, which committees are working on regularly, include:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annual Gala 2025 : to be held on March 8th 2025. Community Honoree - Dr Victoria Graf, Educator Honoree - Ms. Trisha Lee, Distinguished Honoree - Wendy and Steven Ackerman of The Ackerman Foundation</li> <li>• Annual Golf Tournament 2025 : to be held on May 12th 2025 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Small gathering at Fescue Golf Club on January 23rd went well</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Party Book events : at various dates / times</li> </ul>
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<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>	Nothing new to report

<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>	WISH is turning all the information over to the district and are closely watching the changes in legislature

<b>Item #9:</b>	<b>LAUSD CSD Oversight Visit Dates and Compliance Monitoring</b>
<b>Description:</b>	Revised dates were requested by CSD and have been confirmed by all parties: LAUSD Oversight Visit for WISH Community: Tuesday, March 25 LAUSD Oversight Visit for WISH Academy: Thursday, March 20
<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 members will sign up once the agenda is created.

<b>Item #10:</b>	<b>Board Retreat</b>
<b>Description:</b>	The 24-25 board retreat will be held Saturday, January 25 from 9:30-2pm at LMU, and coordinated through Dr. Mary McCullough's office at LMU. Focus will be on finance, fundraising and facilities. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Read out of retreat, feedback and next steps</li> </ul>
<b>Purpose:</b>	Review and Discussion
<b>Presented By:</b>	Miles Remer
<b>Materials:</b>	None
<b>Est. Time:</b>	10 min

<b>Minutes:</b>	Dive into financials, listing of contracts above \$50k, fundraising 101 and fundraising goals, where does the money go, facilities update on Prop 39, impact enrollment, staff morale and retention.
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<b>Item #11:</b>	<b>Compliance Monitoring</b>
<b>Description:</b>	Ongoing monitoring and responses to any updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Board Compliance Binder Review</li> <li>• Updates re: additional compliance matters</li> </ul>
<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>	No 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 January 25, 2025</b>
<b>Description:</b>	Review and approve January 25, 2025 meeting minutes
<b>Purpose:</b>	Vote
<b>Presented By:</b>	Suzanne Madison Goldstein
<b>Materials:</b>	January Meeting Minutes
<b>Est. Time:</b>	2 min

Karina Fedasz moved to approve this item on the consent agenda, Ben Tysch seconded. The item passed unanimously 6-0-2-0 (Y - Remer, Goldstein, Makwana, Fedasz, Tysch, Guerra, N - N/A, Absent - Grimm, Rudolph, Abstain - 0, Zoom - McCullough, Graf)

## B. ACTION ITEMS:

<b>Item #1:</b>	<b>Prop 39 Preliminary Offer Acceptance</b>
<b>Description:</b>	Review and approve acceptance of preliminary offer
<b>Purpose:</b>	Vote
<b>Presented By:</b>	Dr. Shawna Draxton
<b>Materials:</b>	In Board Folder
<b>Est. Time:</b>	10 min

Review of current offer, pro rata share of indoor space has increased 21%.

Fernando Guerra moved to approve this item, Karina Fedasz seconded. The item passed 5-0-2-1 (Y - Remer, Goldstein, Makwana, Fedasz, Guerra, N - N/A, Absent - Grimm, Rudolph, Abstain - Tysch, Zoom - McCullough, Graf)

**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 legal action</u> – Closed session subject to: California Government Code section 54956.9
<b>Purpose:</b>	Information and Discussion of Pending Litigation with Legal Counsel - OAH Case No. 2025010537
<b>Presented By:</b>	Suzanne Madison Goldstein with counsel from YMC
<b>Materials:</b>	N/A
<b>Est. Time</b>	10 min

<b>Item 2:</b>	<b>Pending Litigation and/or Conference with Legal Counsel</b>
<b>Description:</b>	<u>Conference with legal counsel re pending legal action</u> – Closed session subject to: California Government Code section 54956.9
<b>Purpose:</b>	Information and Discussion of Pending Litigation with Legal Counsel - OAH Case No. [not yet assigned]
<b>Presented By:</b>	Suzanne Madison Goldstein with counsel from YMC
<b>Materials:</b>	N/A
<b>Est. Time</b>	10 min

The board moved into closed session at 6:01pm. The board returned to open session at 6:15pm. Board President Miles Remer reported out as follows: No action taken.

**IX ADJOURNMENT:**

Board President Miles Remer adjourned the meeting at 6:16 pm