



Regular Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 8, 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 campus, 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 5:15 pm.

II. ROLL CALL

Board Members: Miles Remer, Ben Tysch, Suzanne Madison Goldstein, Raj Makwana, Julie Grimm, Dr. Victoria Graf

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

Absent: Jason Rudolph, Karina Fedasz, Fernando Guerra, Dr. Mary McCullough

Zoom Participants

Mike Johnston, ExED	

¹ 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

Item 1:	Executive Director Monthly Report
Description:	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), SSC and WCA, WCA Leadership, LCAP, WASC
Purpose:	Information and Discussion
Presented By:	Dr. Shawna Draxton
Materials:	To Be Distributed
Est. Time:	10 min
Minutes:	WISH is in week 36 of a 40 week school year, with promotion, culmination and graduation on the horizon! WISH Extended Learning's 9 hour program is offered by WLAED on all school days and 30 additional days. MS ELOP for 24-25 is serviced by WLAED during Winter, Spring, and Summer sessions; GOAL coordinator for MS is also serving students for an extended day under the ELOP program. LCAP and WASC benchmark and MOY verified data are in progress. Quarter 4 current focus is State Testing, End of Year Testing, Owl Proud Surveys, WISH Family Surveys, and Evaluations. There is an LMU (New) Research opportunity with Dr. McCullough, a special project in collaboration with Dean Zarate. Also, SIP Partnership Tour was on 4/2. School culture end-of-year upcoming programming includes ES: WISHapalooza, promotion. MS: WISHapalooza, culmination, Grad Night- Universal, field day, Cardboard Box Regatta Race. HS: WISHapalooza, graduation, sports pep rally, AAPI assembly, Disney Grad Night, Prom, Senior Sunset, Bandshell. Prop 39 same space offered. Mid term WASC reports are being worked on this summer. 4th quarter SSC meeting occurred this week. SSC and WCA Council members work together to develop an action plan grounded in LCAP priorities. 25-26 hiring has begun, 25-26 Credit Recovery and ESY notifications have gone out. Finally, WISH is beginning the renewal process.

Item #2:	Finance Updates
Description:	March 2024 Financials
Purpose:	Board Informative
Presented By:	Ben Tysch/ExED

Materials:	To Be Distributed
Est. Time:	10 min
Minutes:	Enrollment is currently 53 students below budget, resulting in a \$634K decrease in LCFF Revenue. Forecast includes \$437K of restricted one-time funds. An additional \$437K remains available to spend through FY27/28. The Community School has loaned \$675K to the High School in order for the HS to maintain a positive cash balance. The forecast includes \$193K of ERC funds, which have already been approved by the IRS. If the remaining ERC funds are received by June 2025, net income would be \$1.58M and ending cash would be \$2.92M. As of March 2025, WISH has achieved \$660K or 81.0% of its \$814K fundraising goal.

Item #3:	Committee Updates
Description:	Audit Committee Curriculum Committee Executive Committee Finance Committee Facilities Committee
Purpose:	Board Informative
Presented By:	Committee Chairs
Materials:	To Be Distributed
Est. Time:	15 min
Minutes:	Audit Committee - No updates at this time Curriculum Committee - No updates at this time Executive Committee - Sending out ED survey to both boards, everyone employed by WISH and a few WCA leadership members Finance Committee - No updates at this time Facilities Committee - No updates at this time

Item #4:	Legislative and General Updates
Description:	Review of legal and legislative updates impacting charter governance (if any).
Purpose:	Board Informative
Presented By:	Suzanne Madison Goldstein/Jason Rudolph
Materials:	To Be Distributed
Est. Time:	30 min
Minutes:	Unaware of anything new at this time

Item #5:	Development/WISHForward Updates
Description:	Review of development team's work and fundraising/planning re same
Purpose:	Board Informative
Presented By:	Karina Fedasz
Materials:	N/A
Est. Time:	5 min
Minutes:	Golf tournament on Monday!

Item #6:	CA School Dashboard Indicators and DFS Metric
Description:	Discuss CA Dashboard items/academic accountability
Purpose:	Board Informative
Presented By:	Dr. Shawna Draxton
Materials:	CA Dashboard for WISH Community and Academy
Est. Time:	5 min
Minutes:	No new updates, continue to look at data closely

Item #7:	CalSAAS Monitoring
Description:	Ongoing monitoring and responses to any exceptions identified by the CTC
Purpose:	Discussion
Presented By:	Dr. Shawna Draxton
Materials:	Board Folder
Est. Time:	10 min
Minutes:	Systems in place, monitoring all staff

Item #8:	Compliance Monitoring
Description:	Ongoing monitoring and responses to any updates ● Updates re: additional compliance matters
Purpose:	Review and Discussion
Presented By:	Suzanne Madison Goldstein/Jason Rudolph
Materials:	Board Folder
Est. Time:	10 min
Minutes:	No updates at this time

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 of consent for further discussion by any Board Member at any time before action is taken.

Item #1:	Approval of Board Minutes from March 13, 2025
Description:	Review and approve March 13, 2025 meeting minutes
Purpose:	Vote
Presented By:	Suzanne Madison Goldstein
Materials:	March Meeting Minutes
Est. Time:	2 min

Item #2:	Approval of Special Telephonic Board Minutes from March 26, 2025
Description:	Review and approve the March 26, 2025 meeting minutes
Purpose:	Vote
Presented By:	Suzanne Madison Goldstein
Materials:	Special Telephonic March Meeting Minutes
Est. Time:	2 min

Raj Makwana moved to approve these items on the consent agenda; Suzanne Madison Goldstein seconded. The item passed unanimously 6-0-4-0 (Y - Remer, Goldstein, Makwana, Grimm, Graf, Tysch, N - N/A, Absent - Fedasz, Rudolph, Guerra, McCullough, Abstain - 0)

B. ACTION ITEMS:

Item #1:	WISH Community School TK-5 Adoption of Amira Learning as Risk of Reading Difficulty Screener
Description:	Per BUL-045788.1 and Ed Code 53008, every LEA must adopt one or more approved assessments in a public meeting by June 30, 2025 for Mandatory Screening for Risk of Reading Difficulties.
Purpose:	Board Approval Required
Presented By:	Dr. Shawna Draxton
Materials:	Board Folder
Est. Time:	10 min

Dr. Draxton shared that WISH is required to pick a dyslexia screener. The Amari program was presented to SSC, and includes an AI component that can be used to close gaps. WISH teachers liked it.

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

Item #2:	Proposed revisions to WISH's fiscal policies and procedures
Description:	Proposed revision to language around cash reserve targets and other minor revisions
Purpose:	Clarification of Board's intent around fiscal policies
Presented By:	Ben Tysch/Mike Johnston
Materials:	In Board folder
Est. Time:	10 min

Tabled for June's board meeting

Item #3:	Non-Profit IRS Form 990 Policies
Description:	The IRS Form 990 is the annual information return filed by most non-profit charter schools. The IRS Form 990 includes a Governance, Management and Disclosure section. May 15th is the final deadline for the prior fiscal year's Form 990.
Purpose:	Discussion and Vote
Presented By:	Ben Tysch/Mike Johnston
Materials:	Board Folder
Est. Time:	5 min

Draft will be shared with board members when it arrives. Form doesn't require board approval.

Item 4:	Approval of Disbursements in Conjunction with Settlement of Pending Legal Action
Description:	Following mediation, settlement was reached under which Charter Safe funded the vast majority of the agreed upon settlement. CharterSafe disbursed the settlement funds directly to WISH and requested that WISH issue the required checks (\$100,000 and \$95,000). While WISH is acting as an accommodation party and these are not technically WISH's funds, board approval is sought out of an abundance of caution given the amounts at issue.
Purpose:	Board action required under Fiscal Policies and Procedures
Presented By:	Suzanne Madison Goldstein
Materials:	In Board Folder
Est. Time:	5 mins

This pertains to a legal action not involving a due process matter, Case No. ADRS 25-0761-PWC. WISH tendered the claim to CharterSafe, who negotiated the settlement. CharterSafe issued the funds directly to WISH instead of the claimant and claimant's counsel; WISH is acting as a pass-through to supply the funds to the former employee.

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

VI. CLOSED SESSION ITEMS:

None

IX. ADJOURNMENT:

Board President Miles Remer adjourned the meeting at 6:05 pm