



Regular Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, March 13, 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

Password: JqU5rN¹

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I. CALL TO ORDER

Board President Miles Remer called the meeting to order at 5:09 pm.

II. ROLL CALL

Board Members: Miles Remer, Karina Fedasz, Ben Tysch, Suzanne Madison Goldstein, Dr. Mary McCullough, Raj Makwana, Fernando Guerra (arrived at 5:42 pm)

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

Absent: Jason Rudolph, Julie Grimm, Dr. Victoria Graf

Zoom Participants



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.

Mike Johnston, ExED	

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)
Purpose:	Information and Discussion
Presented By:	Dr. Shawna Draxton
Materials:	To Be Distributed
Est. Time:	10 min
Minutes:	Conferences are coming up, ELOP funds continue to be used for TK-8, continue to partner with WLAED, LCAP and WASC benchmark and MOY verified data are in progress. Had big SIP tours, tremendous showing of LMU staff and faculty at the recent WISH Gala, LMU student teachers are on campus every day, psychology department MOU, Academic achievement is being worked on, doing well against district rubric, accepted families tour was last night, great panel of students and parents. HS Link Crew is doing great with 9th graders, recently launched a new high school student advisory board that reports to Dr. Draxton, Q3 OWL Proud surveys have been shared recently with teachers. Active month for Prop 39. Prop 39 costs have gone up 22%. Looking forward to upcoming oversight visits, appreciate the board's participation in school leadership and debrief sections. WISH's internal tracking systems and data chats are now including progress monitoring on CA Dashboards. Starting to partner with UCLA Mathematics Lab.

Item #2:	Monitoring of WASC and LCAP (Integrated Single Plan for Student Achievement)
Description:	Tools for local educational agencies to set goals, plan actions, and leverage resources to meet those goals to improve student outcomes
Purpose:	Review and Discussion
Presented By:	Dr. Shawna Draxton
Materials:	To Be Distributed
Est. Time:	10 min
Minutes:	Will discuss the mid year update later in the meeting.

Item #3:	Finance Updates
Description:	January 2024 Financials
Purpose:	Board Informative
Presented By:	Ben Tysch/ExED
Materials:	To Be Distributed
Est. Time:	10 min
Minutes:	Enrollment is currently 48 students below budget, resulting in a \$596K decrease in LCFF Revenue. Forecast includes \$565K of restricted one-time funds. An additional \$309K 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. Forecast does not include any receipt of ERC funds. If ERC funds are recognized, net income would be \$1.64M and ending cash would be \$2.73M. As of January 2025, WISH has achieved \$594K or 72.6% of its \$818K fundraising goal.

Item #4:	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 - Nothing at this time Curriculum Committee - Meet last month Executive Committee - ED evaluation plan will be discussed later in the meeting Finance Committee - No updates at this time Facilities Committee - Great discussion on where the committee is right now on space and forward thinking about future plans. Want to amplify their connections to build relationships to support WISH Forward.

Item #5:	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:	No updates at this time

Item #6:	Development/WISHForward Updates
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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:	Gala was a success! Anticipate \$20-30k which is less than years past, however it was expected due to the state of affairs in Los Angeles. Looking forward to golf event on May 12. Supporting high school for athletics booster program.

Item #7:	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:	Growth measurement has been added. Dashboards look good.

Item #8:	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:	No updates at this time.

Item #9:	LAUSD CSD Oversight Visit Dates and Compliance Monitoring
Description:	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
Purpose:	Review and Discussion
Presented By:	Dr. Shawna Draxton
Materials:	Board Folder
Est. Time:	10 min
Minutes:	Board member participation has been locked down.

Item #10:	LAUSD Notice of Concern RE: WISH Academy High's Fiscal Condition
Description:	Review and discussion of Notice received March 6, 2025 re fiscal trends and sustainability; discussion of response and plan for follow up meeting
Purpose:	Review and Discussion
Presented By:	Miles Remer
Materials:	None

Est. Time:	10 min
Minutes:	Special board meeting notice will be sent out shortly once the substantive response has been crafted.

Item #11:	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:	Ethics training will be scheduled for all board members.

Item #12:	Executive Director Annual Evaluation
Description:	Executive Committee to share proposed plan for balance of ED evaluation cycle and solicit feedback and input from board members
Purpose:	Review and Discussion
Presented By:	Dr. Mary McCullough
Materials:	Board Folder
Est. Time:	10 min
Minutes:	The action plan was revised from last year. The new evaluation cycle action plan and timeline was reviewed.

Item #13:	Form 700
Description:	Due April 1, 2025 online using LA County's new system eDisclosure.
Purpose:	Board approval required
Presented By:	Suzanne Madison Goldstein
Materials:	Board Folder
Est. Time:	5 min
Minutes:	Reviewed new website and outstanding submissions

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.

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

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

B. ACTION ITEMS:

Item #1:	WISH Community School academic calendar for 25-26
Description:	Governing board approval is required by authorizer MOU or charter petition.
Purpose:	Board Approval Required
Presented By:	Dr. Shawna Draxton
Materials:	Board Folder
Est. Time:	10 min

LAUSD recently changed their calendar, so the WISH calendar was adjusted for next year's calendar. First day is Thursday, August 14. Professional Development starts on August 4.

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

Item #2:	WISH Academy High School academic calendar for 25-26
Description:	Governing board approval is required by authorizer MOU or charter petition.
Purpose:	Board Approval Required
Presented By:	Dr. Shawna Draxton
Materials:	Board Folder
Est. Time:	10 min

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

Item #3:	WISH Community School instructional minutes for 25-26
Description:	Governing board approval is required by authorizer MOU or charter petition.
Purpose:	Board Approval Required
Presented By:	Dr. Shawna Draxton
Materials:	Board Folder
Est. Time:	10 min

All WISH schools will have the same bell schedule as this year. Adjustment was modified for the end times for Grades 4 and 5.

Ben Tysch moved to approve this item, Raj Makwana seconded. The item passed 5-0-4-1 (Y - Goldstein, Makwana, Fedasz, Tysch, McCullough, N - N/A, Absent - Grimm, Rudolph, Graf, Guerra, Abstain - Remer)

Item #4:	WISH Academy High School instructional minutes for 25-26
Description:	Governing board approval is required by authorizer MOU or charter petition.
Purpose:	Board Approval Required
Presented By:	Dr. Shawna Draxton
Materials:	Board Folder
Est. Time:	10 min

All WISH schools will have the same bell schedule as this year. Adjustment was modified for the end times for high school regular days.

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

Item #5:	WISH Community School LCAP Mid-Year Update
Description:	Update
Purpose:	Discussion and Vote
Presented By:	Jennie Brook
Materials:	Board Folder
Est. Time:	5 min

Updated verified data was added. WISH is making progress.

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

Item #6:	WISH Academy High School LCAP Mid-Year Update
Description:	Update
Purpose:	Discussion and Vote
Presented By:	Jennie Brook
Materials:	Board Folder
Est. Time:	5 min

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

Item #7:	WISH Board meeting calendar for 25-26
Description:	Governing board approval is required by authorizer MOU or charter petition.
Purpose:	Board approval required
Presented By:	Suzanne Madison Goldstein
Materials:	Board Folder

Est. Time:	10 min
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All dates approved with a change to June's meeting. Calendar will be adjusted to reflect Thursday, June 25, 2026.

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

Item #8:	FY 24/25 Second Interim Financial Report for WISH Community School
Description:	Update
Purpose:	Discussion and vote
Presented By:	Ben Tysch/Mike Johnston
Materials:	Board Folder
Est. Time:	5 min

Same information as before in a different format.

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

Item #9:	FY 24/25 Second Interim Financial Report for WISH Academy High School
Description:	Update
Purpose:	Discussion and vote
Presented By:	Ben Tysch/Mike Johnston
Materials:	Board Folder
Est. Time:	5 min

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

Item #11:	Outside Audit Firm Retention
Description:	Confirmation of continued retention pursuant to current agreement
Purpose:	Board approval needed
Presented By:	Suzanne Madison Goldstein
Materials:	Board Folder
Est. Time:	5 min

Scope of work letter will be signed by Dr. Shawna Draxton once board votes. This is the third year for this three year contract. The Audit Committee wholeheartedly endorses this auditor.

Ben Tysch moved to approve this item, Raj Makwana seconded. The item passed unanimously 5-0-4-1 (Y - Remer, Goldstein, Makwana, Fedasz, Tysch, McCullough, N - N/A, Absent - Grimm, Rudolph, Graf, Guerra, Abstain - Remer)

VI. CLOSED SESSION ITEMS: None

IX ADJOURNMENT:

Board President Miles Remer adjourned the meeting at 6:28 pm