



Regular Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, August 7, 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

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Meeting ID: 829 8091 3041

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I. CALL TO ORDER

Board President Miles Remer called the meeting to order at 5:13 pm.

II. ROLL CALL

Board Members: Miles Remer, Suzanne Madison Goldstein, Raj Makwana, Julie Grimm,
Dr. Victoria Graf, Karina Fedasz, Fernando Guerra, Dr. Mary McCullough
Staff/Guests: Jennie Brook, Dr. Shawna Draxton, Janine Bielski
Absent: Ben Tysch

Zoom Participants

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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

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, health and safety, 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:	Professional Development launched this week for all teachers and staff members, 4- new ES teachers, 1- new MS teacher, 1-new HS teacher, 1- new paraprofessional. ELOP Commitments have been made to WLAED to continue the program; MS ELOP for 25-26 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 feedback from district has been reviewed and central staff are in progress of making adjustments as needed when appropriate. New LMU partnership goals established for 25-26. Research approval with Dr. McCullough, special project in collaboration with Dean Zarate, focused on math instruction. The breakfast and lunch program will remain unchanged for the 25-26 school year. WASC and Site Review one sheet has been updated for 25-26. School culture events include TK-5- Incoming family meet and greet, All families Meet and Greet is coming; 6-8- WEB Leader training, WEB days, Ice-Skating, Orientation; 9-12- LINK Leader training, LINK days, Ice-Skating, Orientation; TK-12- School Song-Alma Mater. Waiting for Prop 39 alternative agreement. Mid cycle WASC reports have been submitted. School Site Council meetings are scheduled bi-monthly next year Q1 8/27/25 4:30-5:30, Q2 10/8/25 4:30-5:30, Q3 2/25/26 4:30-5:30, Q4 5/6/26 4:30-5:30, Council members are working together to develop an action plan grounded in LCAP priorities. 25-26 staffing is complete. All staff are working on mandated reporting. Looking at renewal with an outside consultant. PD this year is focused on math (with UCLA, LMU and small teams and many other schools) and school culture in a myriad of ways.
Item #2:	Finance Updates
Description:	FY25/26 Budget updates

Purpose:	Board Informative
Presented By:	Ben Tysch/ExED
Materials:	To Be Distributed
Est. Time:	10 min
Minutes:	Too early to have last year's books closed. Unaudited actuals are being submitted to district. State budget update - learning recovery funds ended up being included, so schools will receive \$26k total to address learning loss. Discretionary funds are \$339k between two schools which will come in this year. IRS has approved one of the ERC quarters so \$900k is forthcoming so cash will look better.

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:	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
Materials:	To Be Distributed
Est. Time:	30 min
Minutes:	Policies will be reviewed later in the meeting. Discussed lawsuits pertaining to LAUSD co-location and Oklahoma Catholic charter school.

Item #5:	Development/WISHForward Updates
Description:	Review of the development team's work and fundraising/planning re the same
Purpose:	Board Informative
Presented By:	Karina Fedasz
Materials:	N/A
Est. Time:	5 min
Minutes:	Finished year with \$733k in assets. Annual reports for the last two years are being printed and finalized. Key events for this year are Annual Gala 2026 to be held on March 21, annual gold tournament to be held on May 4 or 11 and party book events.

Item #6:	CA School Dashboard Indicators and DFS Metric
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Description:	Discuss CA Dashboard items/academic accountability/local indicators report
Purpose:	Board Informative
Presented By:	Dr. Shawna Draxton
Materials:	CA Dashboard for WISH Community and Academy
Est. Time:	5 min
Minutes:	Supporting all of teachers and their programs. Three at LMU right now.

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:	None at this time.

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
Materials:	Board Folder
Est. Time:	10 min
Minutes:	No compliance issues at this time outside of item mentioned earlier.

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 June 24, 2025
Description:	Review and approve June 24, 2025 meeting minutes
Purpose:	Vote
Presented By:	Suzanne Madison Goldstein
Materials:	June Meeting Minutes
Est. Time:	2 min

Fernando Guerra moved to approve these items on the consent agenda, Raj Makwana seconded. The items passed unanimously 8-0-0-0-1 (Y - Remer, Goldstein, Graf, Grimm, Fedasz, Guerra, Makwana, McCullough, N - 0, Absent - 0, Abstain - 0, Zoom - Tysch)

Item #2:	Approval of Special Board Minutes from July 1, 2025
Description:	Review and approve July 1, 2025 special meeting minutes
Purpose:	Vote
Presented By:	Suzanne Madison Goldstein

Materials:	July Special Board Meeting Minutes
Est. Time:	2 min

Item tabled until September due to shifts in the Google Drive structure.

B. ACTION ITEMS:

Item 1:	Proposed Vendor Contracts for FY 2025-26
Description:	Review proposed agreements for: ● TheraStaffers ● Infinite Campus ● SchoolMint ● WLAED
Purpose:	Discussion and vote
Presented By:	Jennie Brook
Materials:	In Board Folder
Est. Time:	5 min

SchoolMint and Infinite Campus are not contracts, but rather invoices for recurring expenses. Ben Tysch reviewed and will be discussing TheraStaffers contract changes with Suzanne Madison Goldstein.

Dr. Vicki Graf moved to approve this item based on changes to the TheraStaffers contract, Karina Fedasz seconded. The item passed unanimously 5-0-0-3-1 (Y - Remer, Graf, Fedasz, Makwana, McCullough, N - 0, Absent - 0, Abstain - Goldstein, Guerra, Grimm, Zoom - Tysch)

Item #2:	WISH Community 25-26 Handbook
Description:	Final review and approval of previously reviewed handbooks
Purpose:	Discussion and Vote
Presented By:	Suzanne Goldstein
Materials:	In Board Folder
Est. Time:	10 min

Information retention section, WCA/Admin/Staff emails, independent study process discussed. The board requested a one sheet stating changes prior to the next board meeting and materials to be added to the monthly board folder the Monday prior to board meetings to allow for members to review materials in a more timely manner.

Fernando Guerra moved to approve this item contingent upon reopening the discussion to discuss revisions at the next board meeting, Dr. Vicki Graf seconded. The item passed unanimously 5-0-0-3-1 (Y - Goldstein, Graf, Guerra, Makwana, McCullough, N - 0, Absent - 0, Abstain - Grimm, Fedasz, Remer, Zoom - Tysch)

Item #3:	WISH Academy 25-26 Handbook
Description:	Final review and approval of previously reviewed handbooks
Purpose:	Discussion and Vote

Presented By:	Suzanne Goldstein
Materials:	In Board Folder
Est. Time:	10 min

Fernando Guerra moved to approve this item, Dr. Vicki Graf seconded. The item passed unanimously 5-0-0-3-1 (Y - Goldstein, Graf, Guerra, Makwana, McCullough, N - 0, Absent - 0, Abstain - Grimm, Fedasz, Remer, Zoom - Tysch)

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

Fernando Guerra moved to approve this item, Dr. Vicki Graf seconded. The item passed unanimously 5-0-0-3-1 (Y - Goldstein, Graf, Guerra, Makwana, McCullough, N - 0, Absent - 0, Abstain - Grimm, Fedasz, Remer, Zoom - Tysch)

Item #5:	Policy Revision/Review
Description:	Updates and required revisions to the following board policies: • Independent Study Contract/Policy • Medication Distribution Policy • Suicide Prevention and Intervention Policy
Purpose:	Board approval needed
Presented By:	Suzanne Madison Goldstein
Materials:	Proposed revised policies in Board Folder
Est. Time:	5 min

No material changes on SPI and MD policies. Independent Study Policy has been sent to the auditor.

Raj Makwana moved to approve this item based on auditor approval of Independent Study, Dr. Vicki Graf seconded. The item passed unanimously 5-0-0-3-1 (Y - Goldstein, Graf, Fedasz, Guerra, Makwana, N - 0, Absent - 0, Abstain - Grimm, Remer, McCullough, Zoom - Tysch)

Item #6:	FY24/25 Prop 28 Arts & Music funding for WISH Community School
Description:	WISH Community School uses Prop 28 funds to hire staff so every 6-8 student can experience robust Art and Theatre education
Purpose:	Board approval needed
Presented By:	Jennie Brook/Mike Johnston
Materials:	Proposed revised policies in Board Folder
Est. Time:	5 min

Dr. Mary McCullough moved to approve this item, Karina Fedasz seconded. The item passed unanimously 8-0-0-0-1 (Y - Remer, Goldstein, Graf, Grimm, Fedasz, Guerra, Makwana, McCullough, N - 0, Absent - 0, Abstain - 0, Zoom - Tysch)

Item #7:	FY24/25 Prop 28 Arts & Music funding for WISH Academy High School
Description:	WISH Academy High School uses Prop 28 funds to hire staff so every 9-12 student can experience robust Art and Theatre education
Purpose:	Board approval needed
Presented By:	Jennie Brook/Mike Johnston
Materials:	Proposed revised policies in Board Folder
Est. Time:	5 min

Julie Grimm moved to approve this item, Dr. Mary McCullough seconded. The item passed unanimously 8-0-0-0-1 (Y - Remer, Goldstein, Graf, Grimm, Fedasz, Guerra, Makwana, McCullough, N - 0, Absent - 0, Abstain - 0, Zoom - Tysch)

Item #8:	ELOP Plan Approval for WISH Community School (TK-5)
Description:	ELOP plan and partnership with WLAED to provide services
Purpose:	Provide extended learning opportunities for pupils
Presented By:	Shawna Draxton
Materials:	In Board Folder
Est. Time:	5 min

Plan no longer has separate funding agreements so Item #8 and #9 plans will be voted together.

Raj Makwana moved to approve this item, Dr. Vicki Graf seconded. The item passed unanimously 8-0-0-0-1 (Y - Remer, Goldstein, Graf, Grimm, Fedasz, Guerra, Makwana, McCullough, N - 0, Absent - 0, Abstain - 0, Zoom - Tysch)

Item #9:	ELOP Plan Approval for WISH Community School (6-8)
Description:	ELOP plan and partnership with Evolution Sports to provide services
Purpose:	Provide extended learning opportunities for pupils
Presented By:	Shawna Draxton
Materials:	In Board Folder
Est. Time:	5 min

Item #9 vote is reflected in Item #8.

Item #10:	Board of Directors' Election
Description:	Vote for President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer
Purpose:	Board approval required
Presented By:	Suzanne Madison Goldstein
Materials:	In Board Folder
Est. Time:	5 min

Miles Remer and Suzanne Madison Goldstein are passing the baton to other board members for their current roles. Suzanne Goldstein proposes slate of Raj Makwana as president, Dr. Mary McCullough as vice president, Suzanne Madison Goldstein as secretary and Ben Tysch as treasurer. There are member term limits of two years, but officer term limits need to be evaluated in the future.

Suzanne Madison Goldstein moved to approve this item, Julie Grimm seconded. The item passed unanimously 8-0-0-1-1 (Y - Goldstein, Graf, Grimm, Fedasz, Guerra, Makwana, McCullough, N - 0, Absent - 0, Abstain - Remer, Zoom - Tysch)

VI. CLOSED SESSION ITEMS:

Item 1:	Personnel Matter: Executive Director Performance Evaluation and Employment Contract Renewal
Description:	Purpose and Authority: Performance Evaluation and Employment Contract Renewal of Executive Director Closed session pursuant to California Government Code section 54957(b)
Purpose:	Review evaluation materials and compensation survey; vote re contract renewal
Presented By:	Dr. Mary McCullough and Executive Committee
Materials:	N/A
Est. Time:	15 min

Entered closed session at 6:53pm

IX ADJOURNMENT:

Board President Miles Remer adjourned the meeting at x:xxpm.