



Regular Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, June 24, 2025, 5:00 p.m.
Location: In Person at the 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), 6550 W. 80th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90045

and Via Zoom Virtual Meeting Platform

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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, Ben Tysch, Suzanne Madison Goldstein, Julie Grimm, Karina Fedasz, Fernando Guerra, Dr. Mary McCullough

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

Absent: Dr. Victoria Graf

Zoom Participants

Mike Johnston, ExED	Raj Makwana
Linda Garcia, MS Spanish Teacher	

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.

Miles Remer shared that Jason Rudolph has resigned as a board member as of May 13 bringing the total members down to 9.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

Dear Colleagues,

I am sorry that I am not at the Board meeting. I am writing this message as I attended 2 wonderful events off the WISH Academy.

I was privileged and honored to attend the WISH Academy Graduation. It was a wonderful event that would make us all proud of the school. The Valedictorian, Madison, spoke eloquently about the impact WISH has had on her education as she began at WISH in kindergarten. She was dual enrolled in junior college and received her AA degree as well as her high school diploma. She will attend her dream school UCLA in the fall. I would like her to be interviewed for the WISH website.

I also attended the Cinemagic event last Friday night at the Fairmont Hotel in Santa Monica. WISH Academy students performed along with students from Ireland, Northern Ireland, and students from Hawthorne. You can find the videos on the Cinemagic website. In attendance were film and recording companies as well as the Irish and British Consulates and other government officials.

You should be extremely proud of the WISH Academy and its students, faculty, and staff.

Respectfully,
Vicki Graf, Ph.D.
Board Member

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:	Summer programming includes incoming 9th grade summer bridge, 9-11 credit recovery, WAHS ESY, Rising 12th grade college application workshop, 6-8 summer school. LMU research special project has been approved in collaboration with Dean Zarate focused on math instruction, Reviewed embargoed SPAC data, WASC and Site Review one sheeter focused on academic and

	social emotional target areas of PD, 4th of July is coming up next week! Theme is “We Love LA” of which WISH is focusing on museums. New Owl names for WISH mascots are in progress and jerseys are forthcoming as well as on display at SoFi Stadium, alma mater is being worked on. WEB and Link leaders are getting ready to support incoming new students. ES is adding their own support team. New Prop 39 contact. WASC 12 page plans being worked on. See below for oversight reports overview. Working on staffing - very few open positions. Moving into renewal; the contract is in the board folder which will be discussed later in the meeting. PD is focused on math and school culture.
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Item #2:	Technology Update
Description:	Update from IT Manager, Kevin Woody
Purpose:	Discussion
Presented By:	Dr. Shawna Draxton
Materials:	To Be Distributed
Est. Time:	10 min
Minutes:	All communication with the board will be within the WISH email system going forward. Board folders will be moved into the shared drives structure. Mr. Woody is offering 1:1 support if anyone needs it. Plan is to move all files before the August board meeting/end of July. Three year IT challenges were discussed as well as best practices, AI, cyber security and password management.

Item #3:	Finance Updates
Description:	April 2025 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 \$136K of restricted one-time funds. An additional \$813K remains available to spend through FY27/28. As of April 30, the balance of the loan from the Community School to the High School was \$500K, down from \$675K in the prior month. Forecast includes \$1.68M of ERC tax credit revenues, which includes \$1.53M in claims that have not yet been approved by the IRS. It does not include the \$170K quarter that was denied by the IRS, currently under appeal. As of April 2025, WISH has achieved \$738K or 90.8% of its \$813K 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 - No updates at this time Curriculum Committee - Nothing new to report Executive Committee - Dr Draxton's review is in progress Finance Committee - Nothing new to report Facilities Committee - No updates at this time

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
Materials:	To Be Distributed
Est. Time:	30 min
Minutes:	No updates at this time

Item #6:	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:	Working on foundation grants thanks to Dr. Vicki Graf as well as an introduction for a large scale high school grant. Financial statements will be shared at August's meeting.

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:	Data was received which has been embargoed until the beginning of the school year. Data has been shared with teachers and the curriculum committee.

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:	Nothing to share at this time.

Item #9:	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:	Nothing to share at this time.

Item #10:	LAUSD CSD Oversight Visits Report Review
Description:	LAUSD Oversight Visit Reports for WISH Community and WISH Academy from 24-25 School Year
Purpose:	Review and Discussion
Presented By:	Dr Shawna Draxton
Materials:	In Board Folder
Est. Time:	5 min
Minutes:	Looking at targets and what needs to be changed in corrective actions. WISH Community School summary of ratings: Governance: 3 Student Achievement and Academic Performance: 4 Organizational Management Programs and Operations: 3 Fiscal Operations: 3 WISH Academy summary of ratings: Governance: 3 Student Achievement and Academic Performance: 3 Organizational Management Programs and Operations: 3 Fiscal Operations: 2 Rubrics reviewed in each category.

Item #11:	25-26 LCAP Public Hearing
Description:	Discussion of proposed revisions and updates to LCAP for coming year - year two of a three year cycle.
Purpose:	Discussion
Presented By:	Dr. Shawna Draxton/Jennie Brook
Materials:	In Board Folder
Est. Time:	10 min
Minutes:	Review of LCAP for both schools. Year one outcomes are reported out. General temperature is that WISH did exceptional in ELA and good in Math - better than before but not where Dr Draxton would

	like for students to be. Student's results can be seen on Infinite Campus.
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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 May 8, 2025
Description:	Review and approve May 8, 2025 meeting minutes
Purpose:	Vote
Presented By:	Suzanne Madison Goldstein
Materials:	May Meeting Minutes
Est. Time:	2 min

Karina Fedasz moved to approve this item on the consent agenda, Ben Tysch seconded. The item passed unanimously 7-0-1-0-1 (Y - Remer, Goldstein, Grimm, Tysch, Fedasz, Guerra, McCullough, N - 0, Absent - Graf, Abstain - 0, Zoom - Makwana)

B. ACTION ITEMS:

Item #1:	Ratification of SELPA Notification of continuance of option to leave COP
Description:	Annual collective letter to LAUSD
Purpose:	Annual notification to LAUSD regarding SELPA option
Presented By:	Dr. Shawna Draxton
Materials:	Board Folder
Est. Time:	5 min

Since WISH is a part of charter operated programs, every year all option 3 charters sign a letter regarding MOU parameters.

Ben Tysch moved to approve this item, Julie Grimm seconded. The item passed unanimously 7-0-1-0-1 (Y - Remer, Goldstein, Grimm, Tysch, Fedasz, Guerra, McCullough, N - 0, Absent - Graf, Abstain - 0, Zoom - Makwana)

Item #2:	2025-26 Consolidated Application for Funding for WISH Community School
Description:	Review and approve proposed ConApp
Purpose:	Board approval required
Presented By:	Mike Johnston, ExED
Materials:	Board Folder
Est. Time:	5 min

The Consolidated Application is how WISH requests federal funds. Requesting Title I, Title II and Title IV funds.

Dr. Mary McCullough moved to approve this item, Ben Tysch seconded. The item passed unanimously 7-0-1-0-1 (Y - Remer, Goldstein, Grimm, Tysch, Fedasz, Guerra, McCullough, N - 0, Absent - Graf, Abstain - 0, Zoom - Makwana)

Item #3:	2025-26 Consolidated Application for Funding for WISH Academy High School
Description:	Review and approve proposed ConApp
Purpose:	Board approval required
Presented By:	Mike Johnston, ExED
Materials:	Board Folder
Est. Time:	5 min

This is the same item as in Item #2 but for the high school.

Ben Tysch moved to approve this item, Dr Mary McCullough seconded. The item passed unanimously 7-0-1-0-1 (Y - Remer, Goldstein, Grimm, Tysch, Fedasz, Guerra, McCullough, N - 0, Absent - Graf, Abstain - 0, Zoom - Makwana)

Item 4:	Charter Renewal Consultant Contract
Description:	Jim Scheible, Renewal Consultant
Purpose:	Discussion and vote
Presented By:	Dr. Shawna Draxton
Materials:	In Board Folder
Est. Time:	5 min

Contract is to support current charter renewal. Suzanne Madison Goldstein made edits so the approval is based upon her notes.

Fernando Guerra moved to approve this item, Suzanne Madison Goldstein seconded. The item passed unanimously 7-0-1-0-1 (Y - Remer, Goldstein, Grimm, Tysch, Fedasz, Guerra, McCullough, N - 0, Absent - Graf, Abstain - 0, Zoom - Makwana)

Item 4:	Proposed Vendor Contracts for FY 2025-26
Description:	Review proposed agreements for: ● ExED New Terms Supplement to existing agreement ● Unity Meals ● CharterSafe ● Chromebook Orders ● GoGuardian ● Alder School of Education
Purpose:	Discussion and vote
Presented By:	Jennie Brook
Materials:	In Board Folder
Est. Time:	5 min

ExED contract is new, not new terms supplement. 3 ¼ % increase for services. Chromebooks were purchased with ERC funds so vote is ratification. CharterSafe is WISH's insurance partner. Unity Meals pricing went up slightly per meal. GoGuardian is a three year contract.

Ben Tysch moved to approve this item, Julie Grimm seconded. The item passed unanimously 7-0-1-1-1 (Y - Remer, Goldstein, Grimm, Tysch, Fedasz, Guerra, McCullough, N - 0, Absent - Graf, Abstain - 1, Zoom - Makwana)

Item 5:	Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) & Federal Addendum (SPSA integrated into LCAP) for WISH Community School
Description:	Review and discussion of proposed revisions and updates to WISH Community School's LCAP for coming year; vote re same
Purpose:	Discussion and Vote
Presented By:	Dr. Shawna Draxton/Jennie Brook
Materials:	Board Folder
Est. Time:	5 min

LCAP was reviewed and thoroughly discussed.

Fernando Guerra moved to approve this item, Ben Tysch seconded. The item passed unanimously 7-0-1-0-1 (Y - Remer, Goldstein, Grimm, Tysch, Fedasz, Guerra, McCullough, N - 0, Absent - Graf, Abstain - 0, Zoom - Makwana)

Item 6:	Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) & Federal Addendum (SPSA integrated into LCAP) for WISH Academy High School
Description:	Review and discussion of proposed revisions and updates to WISH Academy High School's LCAP for coming year; vote re same
Purpose:	Discussion and Vote
Presented By:	Dr. Shawna Draxton/Jennie Brook
Materials:	Board Folder
Est. Time:	5 min

This is the same item as in Item #2 but for the high school.

Karina Fedasz moved to approve this item, Julie Grimm seconded. The item passed unanimously 7-0-1-0-1 (Y - Remer, Goldstein, Grimm, Tysch, Fedasz, Guerra, McCullough, N - 0, Absent - Graf, Abstain - 0, Zoom - Makwana)

Item 7:	EPA Spending Plan
Description:	Required spending plan for Education Protection Account
Purpose:	Compliance
Presented By:	Mike Johnston, ExED
Materials:	Board Folder

Est. Time:	5 min
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Plan reviewed.

Fernando Guerra moved to approve this item, Ben Tysch seconded. The item passed unanimously 7-0-1-0-1 (Y - Remer, Goldstein, Grimm, Tysch, Fedasz, Guerra, McCullough, N - 0, Absent - Graf, Abstain - 0, Zoom - Makwana)

Item 8:	WISH Academy High School Proposed Curriculum Adoptions for 2025-26
Description:	History
Purpose:	Discussion and vote
Presented By:	Dr. Shawna Draxton
Materials:	In Board Folder
Est. Time:	5 min

It's time for HS History to have new materials. Team is coming in tomorrow to make their selections.

Dr. Mary McCullough moved to approve this item, Ben Tysch seconded. The item passed unanimously 7-0-1-0-1 (Y - Remer, Goldstein, Grimm, Tysch, Fedasz, Guerra, McCullough, N - 0, Absent - Graf, Abstain - 0, Zoom - Makwana)

Item 9:	Executive Director Employment Contract Continuance
Description:	Executive Director's contract review and continuance
Purpose:	Board approval required
Presented By:	Suzanne Madison Goldstein
Materials:	Employment Agreement, Compensation Survey, and Executive Committee Report and Recommendation (Note: Confidential materials re performance evaluation will be considered in closed session as set forth below)
Est. Time:	10 mins

Tabling this item until August while analyzing data from surveys and putting it together appropriately.

Item #10:	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

All handbooks have been submitted to YMC for review with legislation. Tabled until August.

Item #11:	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

All handbooks have been submitted to YMC for review with legislation. Tabled until August.

Item #12:	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

Received redlined version of document, however it isn't ready for vote. All handbooks have been submitted to YMC for review with legislation. Tabled until August.

Item #13:	Policy Revision/Review
Description:	Updates and required revisions to the following board policies: • Independent Study Contract/Policy
Purpose:	Board approval needed
Presented By:	Suzanne Madison Goldstein
Materials:	Proposed revised policies in Board Folder
Est. Time:	5 min

Working on the contract and policy now. Tabled until August.

Item 14:	WISH Operating Budget FY 2025-26
Description:	Presentation of proposed operating budget, with recommended action from Finance Committee
Purpose:	Fiscal Oversight
Presented By:	Dr Draxton/Ben Tysch/Mike Johnston
Materials:	In Board Folder
Est. Time:	15-20 min

\$12b shortfall in Governor's budget, education pulled from rainy day fund. The state's budget is waiting on the Governor's signature. Revenue COLA and 10:1 adult to pupil ratios and increased ADA for TK are included in the 25/26 budget. Learning Recovery and Unrestricted on-time funds are not included in the 25/26 budget.

Fernando Guerra moved to approve this item, Dr. Mary McCullough seconded. The item passed unanimously 7-0-1-0-1 (Y - Remer, Goldstein, Grimm, Tysch, Fedasz, Guerra, McCullough, N - 0, Absent - Graf, Abstain - 0, Zoom - Makwana)

Item 15:	Contract Employee Bonus FY 2024-25²
Description:	Presentation of Employee Recruitment and Retention Strategy, with recommended action from Finance Committee
Purpose:	Fiscal Oversight
Presented By:	Ben Tysch/Mike Johnston
Materials:	In Board Folder
Est. Time:	15-20 min

The Board noted a typographical error in the agenda. This item should have referred to a proposed bonus to employees for FY 2024-25, NOT FY ed. ERC funds may make this possible once money comes in. Auditor has given approval to give 2% to anyone returning.

Move to approve employee contract bonus for 24-25 to pay in 25-26 when ERC funds are received.

Fernando Guerra moved to approve this item with the above statement, Karina Fedasz seconded. The item passed unanimously 7-0-1-0-1 (Y - Remer, Goldstein, Grimm, Tysch, Fedasz, Guerra, McCullough, N - 0, Absent - Graf, Abstain - 0, Zoom - Makwana)

Item 16:	AB288 CCAP Partnership Agreement (MOU)
Description:	West LA College Partnership Agreement
Purpose:	Concurrent dual enrollment agreement
Presented By:	Dr Shawna Draxton
Materials:	In Board Folder
Est. Time:	15-20 min

Students will be able to take dual enrollment classes on campus using a WLAC teacher.

Fernando Guerra moved to approve this item, Dr. Mary McCullough seconded. The item passed unanimously 7-0-1-0-1 (Y - Remer, Goldstein, Grimm, Tysch, Fedasz, Guerra, McCullough, N - 0, Absent - Graf, Abstain - 0, Zoom - Makwana)

Item 17:	UCLAMP/WISH 2025-2026 Partnership Proposal
Description:	TK-12 will partner with UCLA Math Lab for PD opportunity reallocating DEI grant funds for year three
Purpose:	Professional development opportunity for math growth and achievement
Presented By:	Dr Shawna Draxton
Materials:	In Board Folder
Est. Time:	15-20 min

² The Board notes a typographical error in the agenda approved and posted for the June 24, 2025 meeting: Item 15 should have referred to FY 2024-25, not FY 2025-26. That error is corrected here.

WISH received DEI grant funds of which year one and two was focused on anti-bias training. Remaining funds are being used towards math support to reach all student groups by getting coaching and support alongside teachers.

Ben Tysch moved to approve this item, Dr. Mary McCullough seconded. The item passed unanimously 7-0-1-0-1 (Y - Remer, Goldstein, Grimm, Tysch, Fedasz, Guerra, McCullough, N - 0, Absent - Graf, Abstain - 0, Zoom - Makwana)

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 California Government Code section 54957(b)
Purpose:	Review evaluation materials and compensation survey; vote re contract renewal
Presented By:	Suzanne Madison Goldstein and Executive Committee
Materials:	N/A
Est. Time:	15 min

No closed session.

IX ADJOURNMENT:

Board President Miles Remer adjourned the meeting at 7:42pm.