



Regular Board Meeting Minutes
WISH Community TK-8 and WISH Academy 9-12
Thursday, December 11, 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

Password: JqU5rN¹

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I. CALL TO ORDER

Board President Raj Makwana called the meeting to order at 5:09 pm.

II. ROLL CALL

Board Members: Suzanne Madison Goldstein, Raj Makwana, Dr. Mary McCullough,

Fernando Guerra, Ben Tysch, Miles Remer, Karina Fedasz

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

Absent: Julie Grimm, Dr. Victoria Graf

Zoom Participants

Mike Johnston, ExED	
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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, 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:	Approving policies this evening. ELOP is being monitored closely. Board members came to WISH Community School Mid-Cycle WASC Review occurred and Report was received, feedback from reviewer was WISH is stellar. So lucky to have Dr. McCullough on our campus to support with math instruction. LMU MOU is being worked on by both parties and will be ready for review and approval at the next board meeting. WISH is currently in the process of meeting with three lunch vendors to review and possibly secure a new contact for the 26-27 school year. No new data to review. Many events coming up - ES book fair, international festival, MS winter showcase, twilight of the arts snowfall symphony. HS VAPA Show at LMU, Little Shop of Horrors, Winter Fest. Lots of sports support for winter flag football. Winter wonderland staff party to celebrate teachers, staff and board members. Continued to work with Prop 39 liaison. Would like two board members to attend the oversight visit morning and debriefing meetings. Reviewed renewal timeline and options again.

Item #2:	Finance Updates
Description:	October 2025 Financials / First Interim Financial Reports / FY24/25 Audit
Purpose:	Board Informative
Presented By:	Ben Tysch/ExED
Materials:	To Be Distributed
Est. Time:	10 min
Minutes:	Forecast enrollment is 15 students below budget, resulting in a \$155K decrease in LCFF Revenue. Forecast includes \$534K of restricted one-time funds. An additional \$708K remains available

	to spend through FY28/29. Forecast also includes \$402K of unrestricted one-time revenue related to the ERC interest less consulting fees. As of October 2025 WISH has achieved \$294K or 35% of its \$836K fundraising target.
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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 - Teaser is completed audit is amazing Curriculum Committee - No report Executive Committee - No report Finance Committee - No report Facilities Committee - Pausing meetings to integrate items into larger meeting

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:	None at this time

Item #5:	Development/WISHForward Updates
Description:	Review of the development team's work and fundraising/planning regarding the same
Purpose:	Board Informative
Presented By:	Karina Fedasz
Materials:	N/A
Est. Time:	5 min
Minutes:	Planning Gala and Golf Event, onboard part time marketing person, going to be sending out schoolwide communication regarding what WISH Forward is and save the dates to upcoming events.

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:	Nothing new on dashboard, have gone over data in last three board meetings

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:	Monitoring closely and making sure teachers have credentials needed per LAUSD rules

Item #8:	Compliance Monitoring
Description:	Ongoing monitoring and responses to any updates Updates re: additional compliance matters <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Board Compliance Folder
Purpose:	Review and Discussion
Presented By:	Suzanne Madison Goldstein
Materials:	Board Folder
Est. Time:	10 min
Minutes:	Review all board compliance folder materials for vote later in meeting

Item #10:	Board Retreat for 2025-26
Description:	Planning this year's board retreat
Purpose:	Review and Discussion
Presented By:	Raj Makwana
Materials:	None
Est. Time:	5 min
Minutes:	No date yet. Raj Makwana will connect with Dr. McCullough

Item #11:	LAUSD CSD Oversight Visit Dates and Compliance Monitoring
Description:	LAUSD Oversight Visit for WISH Community: March 25 LAUSD Oversight Visit for WISH Academy: April 23
Purpose:	Review and Discussion
Presented By:	Dr. Shawna Draxton
Materials:	Board Folder
Est. Time:	10 min
Minutes:	Nothing to add 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 consent for further discussion by any Board Member at any time before action is taken.

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

Item #2:	Approval of Board Minutes from December 3, 2025
Description:	Review and approve the December 3, 2025 special meeting minutes
Purpose:	Vote
Presented By:	Suzanne Madison Goldstein
Materials:	December Meeting Minutes
Est. Time:	2 min

Suzanne Madison Goldstein moved to approve these items on the consent agenda, Ben Tysch seconded. The item passed unanimously 6-0-2-1-0 (Y - Goldstein, Makwana, McCullough, Guerra, Fedasz, Remer), N - 0, Absent - Grimm, Graf, Abstain - Tysch, Zoom - 0)

B. ACTION ITEMS:

Item #1:	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

The revisions covered very minor issues. Ben Tysch and Raj Makwana are bringing these changes to the board for approval.

Miles Remer moved to approve this item, Karina Fedasz seconded. The item passed unanimously 7-0-2-0-0 (Y - Goldstein, Makwana, McCullough, Guerra, Fedasz, Remer, Tysch), N - 0, Absent - Grimm, Graf, Abstain - 0, Zoom - 0)

Item 2:	Proposed Vendor Contracts for FY 2025-26
Description:	Review proposed agreements for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lunch Vendor Request for Proposals
Purpose:	Discussion and vote
Presented By:	Jennie Brook
Materials:	In Board Folder

Est. Time:	5 min
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Item is withdrawn from the agenda. The board doesn't need to approve the RFP, but the board will need to approve the contract when it becomes available.

Item 3:	WISH Charter Petition Renewals - Proposed Material Revision to Merge Charters
Description:	In conjunction with pending charter renewals, proposal to authorize the Executive Director to proceed simultaneously with preparation of a material revision TK-12 merger
Purpose:	Discussion and vote
Presented By:	Dr. Shawna Draxton
Materials:	In Board Folder
Est. Time:	5 min

Based on the information that Dr. Draxton shared at the beginning of the meeting.

Miles Remer moved to approve this item, Karina Fedasz seconded. The item passed unanimously 7-0-2-0-0 (Y - Goldstein, Makwana, McCullough, Guerra, Fedasz, Remer, Tysch), N - 0, Absent - Grimm, Graf, Abstain - 0, Zoom - 0)

Item #4:	WISH Organizational Policies – Proposed Updates
Description:	Updates and required revisions to the following board policies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UCP policies, procedures and forms • Title IX materials • Public Records Policy • Immigration Enforcement Policy • Homeless Education Policy • Foster and Homeless Youth Diploma Policy • Wellness Policy
Purpose:	Board approval needed
Presented By:	Suzanne Madison Goldstein
Materials:	Proposed revised policies in Board Folder
Est. Time:	5 min

All new and revised policies were reviewed by the board.

Ben Tysch moved to approve this item, Miles Remer seconded. The item passed unanimously 7-0-2-0-0 (Y - Goldstein, Makwana, McCullough, Guerra, Fedasz, Remer, Tysch), N - 0, Absent - Grimm, Graf, Abstain - 0, Zoom - 0)

Item 5:	California College Guidance Initiative (CCGI) MOU
Description:	As part of the Cradle-to-Career Data System (C2C), all public high schools serving 9th-12th grades must partner with CCGI by January 1, 2026, and provide transcript-informed Partner Accounts on CaliforniaColleges.edu by June 30, 2026. This initiative is designed to expand equitable access to college and financial aid opportunities for all students.
Purpose:	Discussion and vote

Presented By:	Dr. Shawna Draxton
Materials:	In Board Folder
Est. Time:	5 min

The state has decided to make a database of all high school students' transcripts. The database will allow our SIS systems to be accessed by the colleges. An MOU is needed and students can't opt-out. The draft and resolution MOU are now available for approval.

Ben Tysch moved to approve this item, Suzanne Madison Goldstein seconded. The item passed unanimously 7-0-2-0-0 (Y - Goldstein, Makwana, McCullough, Guerra, Fedasz, Remer, Tysch), N - 0, Absent - Grimm, Graf, Abstain - 0, Zoom - 0)

Item 6:	Compliance Monitoring and Certification of Board Compliance Review (Board President Certification)
Description:	Review compliance binder; discussion and vote re same, a signature from Board President on the document to be done via PandaDoc
Purpose:	Discussion and vote
Presented By:	Suzanne Madison Goldstein
Materials:	In Board Folder
Est. Time:	5 min

Document will be supplied to the board president for signature after winter break.

Suzanne Madison Goldstein moved to approve this item, Fernando Guerra seconded. The item passed unanimously 7-0-2-0-0 (Y - Goldstein, Makwana, McCullough, Guerra, Fedasz, Remer, Tysch), N - 0, Absent - Grimm, Graf, Abstain - 0, Zoom - 0)

Item 7:	FY 2024/25 Annual Audit Review and Board Approval
Description:	Presentation of Annual Audit and Audit Committee Recommendation
Purpose:	Discussion and vote
Presented By:	Raj Makwana/Mike Johnston
Materials:	In Board Folder
Est. Time:	5 min

The Audit committee reported that they had met with Mike Johnston and reviewed the draft audit, which was clean and contained no findings. They submitted their report and recommendation to the full board for review and approval.

Miles Remer moved to approve this item, Ben Tysch seconded. The item passed unanimously 7-0-2-0-0 (Y - Goldstein, Makwana, McCullough, Guerra, Fedasz, Remer, Tysch), N - 0, Absent - Grimm, Graf, Abstain - 0, Zoom - 0)

Item 8:	FY 2025/26 First Interim Financials - WISH Community School
Description:	Interim financial report including actuals through October 2025 and update forecast through June 2026. Required to be submitted to authorizer and state by December 15.
Purpose:	Discussion and vote
Presented By:	Ben Tysch/Mike Johnston

Materials:	In Board Folder
Est. Time:	5 min

Shared as part of the findings report.

Ben Tysch moved to approve this item, Fernando Guerra seconded. The item passed unanimously 7-0-2-0-0 (Y - Goldstein, Makwana, McCullough, Guerra, Fedasz, Remer, Tysch), N - 0, Absent - Grimm, Graf, Abstain - 0, Zoom - 0)

Item 9:	FY 2025/26 First Interim Financials - WISH Academy High School
Description:	Interim financial report including actuals through October 2025 and update forecast through June 2026. Required to be submitted to authorizer and state by December 15.
Purpose:	Discussion and vote
Presented By:	Ben Tysch/Mike Johnston
Materials:	In Board Folder
Est. Time:	5 min

Same as Item 8.

Ben Tysch moved to approve this item, Fernando Guerra seconded. The item passed unanimously 7-0-2-0-0 (Y - Goldstein, Makwana, McCullough, Guerra, Fedasz, Remer, Tysch), N - 0, Absent - Grimm, Graf, Abstain - 0, Zoom - 0)

VI. CLOSED SESSION ITEMS:

None

IX ADJOURNMENT:

Board President Raj Makwana adjourned the meeting at 6:26pm.