



Regular Board Meeting Minutes
WISH Community TK-8 and WISH Academy 9-12
Thursday, November 13, 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

[Zoom Link](#)

Meeting ID: 829 8091 3041

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I. CALL TO ORDER

Board President Raj Makwana called the meeting to order at 5:07 pm.

II. ROLL CALL

Board Members: Suzanne Madison Goldstein, Raj Makwana, Dr. Victoria Graf (left at 5:30pm, rejoined via Zoom), Dr. Mary McCullough, Karina Fedasz, Fernando Guerra, Julie Grimm (arrived at 5:09pm)

Staff/Guests: Jennie Brook, Dr. Shawna Draxton, Janine Bielski, VAPA Theatre Lead Jordan Jackson, Ensemble cast of Little Shop of Horrors, Patti Scott

Absent: Ben Tysch

Zoom Participants

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Mike Johnston, ExED	Miles Remer, Board Member
Jolene Doucette	Casey Wilson

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

Dr Graf recently returned from Portugal with Dr. Draxton where they were involved in observing and disseminating inclusive education practices.. She has been all over the world studying inclusive practices and WISH is at the forefront of best practices.. Dr. Graf wanted to formally acknowledge WISH's international renown and observed that we have everything to be proud of. She received great feedback from wonderful educators in Portugal and is proud of our ED, principals and teachers. Kudos to WISH!

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:	WISH Academy HS students performed a song from the Little Shop of Horrors. YMC is reviewing policies in order of priority. Curriculum- Review Completed. Public/Private Meeting Memo is now posted on our website. LCAP and WASC benchmark and BOY data preparation have begun. LCAP- minor adjustments made Aug. 25, given LAUSD feedback with LACOE. WASC midyear review scheduled: ES/MS meeting: 12/9 Zoom meeting and HS 11/3 Zoom meeting: 2/9 visit. Global Impact Reciprocal Learning in Portugal Nov. 3-7 w/ V.Graf, & K.Wright. Met with the Ministry of Education, researchers, and visited schools at all levels to understand their educational practices and commitments to inclusion and to share ours. Portugal has better legislation in place that supports inclusive education. DFS Analysis - dashboard just released numbers and colors. Upcoming school culture events: 11/14 Homecoming Dance, 11/14 Movie Night at ES (likely postponed due to rain), 11/20 Homecoming Game. Chronic absenteeism is an area where we need to do better at WISH Community. 25-26 Budget Fidelity Brokerage Account Transfer has been completed. School Site Council meetings are scheduled bi-monthly next year Q.3 2/25/26 4:30-5:30 and Q.4

	5/6/26 4:30-5:30. Council members work together to develop an action plan grounded in LCAP priorities.
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Item #2:	Extended Learning Opportunity Vendor Update
Description:	Update from Jolene Doucette, West LA Extended Day and Casey Wilson, Evolution Sports
Purpose:	Discussion
Presented By:	Dr. Shawna Draxton
Materials:	None
Est. Time:	10 min
Minutes:	<p>Jolene Doucette has operated WLAED since 2016. It is a licensed school-age child care center, 200+ students enrolled, 25 employees, before school/GAP/Enrichment/After School/Camps, ELOP. Jolene provided a comprehensive overview of the services offered by WLAED and their licensure and oversight.</p> <p>Casey Wilson is WISH Academy and Evolution Sports' Director. She started at WISH in 2014 and began Evolution Sports in 2015. Casey provided a comprehensive overview of WISH's sports programs, staffing, and growth, including Academy program as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Started with the opening of the school in 2017. • Approx. 150 students participate • 12 sports, 20 teams, • 14 coaches - Background check & TB test • Sports Conditioning Class for all practices at WISH and in the community. <p>Current proposals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lacrosse, Tennis, Golf, Softball <p>Community Partnership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LMU, Westchester Rec, Culver-Marina Little League <p>Booster Club</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fundraising, Community Engagement, Events, Concessions

Item #3:	Finance Updates
Description:	September 2025 Financials
Purpose:	Board Informative
Presented By:	Ben Tysch/ExED
Materials:	To Be Distributed
Est. Time:	10 min
Minutes:	Mike led the board through a review of current financials, including: a) Forecast enrollment is 19 students below budget, resulting in a \$197K decrease in LCFF Revenue; b) Forecast includes \$534K of restricted one-time funds; c) An additional \$708K remains available to spend through FY27/28; and d) Forecast also includes \$402K of unrestricted one-time revenue related to the ERC interest less consulting fees. He reported that, as

	of August 2025, WISH Academy has fully repaid the cash flow loan from WISH Community.
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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 - Reviewed policy in detail and draft was taken to attorneys. Curriculum policy will be voted on tonight. Recommendation that was sound and thorough. Executive Committee - No update. Finance Committee - Update covered in the finance report plus policy revisions to be voted on in the December meeting. Facilities Committee - More discussion and strategy forthcoming

Item #5:	Legislative and General Updates
Description:	Review of legal and legislative updates impacting charter governance (if any). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Brown Act Training • Highlights of New Laws
Purpose:	Board Informative
Presented By:	Suzanne Madison Goldstein
Materials:	To Be Distributed
Est. Time:	30 min
Minutes:	Suzanne Madison Goldstein led the board through a robust training, including a 20-question quiz to review all Brown Act components. The board reviewed the highlights of new laws and noted who is tagged for each item and will be reporting back with questions and actions.

Item #6:	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:	WISHForward is looking to publish both the One Team One Dream annual report for 2023-2024 and Shine On annual report for 2024-2025 within months, with the former coming out in December

	<p>/ January and the latter following in February / March. Welcome to a new member of the WISHForward Board, Linda Wilson.</p> <p>Key events for this year are, and which committees are working on regularly include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Gala 2026 : to be held on March 21, 2026 • Annual Golf Tournament 2026 : to be held on May 4, 2026
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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:	These items were reviewed earlier in the Board Report. Dr. Draxton is open to having data discussions.

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:	Items are in the action area for board vote to ensure all of the teachers have appropriate credentials.

	Item #9: Compliance Monitoring
Description:	<p>Ongoing monitoring and responses to any updates</p> <p>Updates re: additional compliance matters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of Policy Bulletin-5532.1 (Policy on Co-Locations for District School Facilities' Use Pursuant to Education Code Section 47614 (Proposition 39)) • UCP policies, procedures and forms • LAUSD's Keeping Parents Informed: Charter Public School Transparency Resolution • Ed Code 51224.7 (adoption of and compliance in board agendas and minutes) • Ed Code 215 (adoption and compliance of pupil suicide prevention policy) • Public Records Policy • Immigration Enforcement Policy • Homeless Education Policy • Foster and Homeless Youth Diploma Policy • Wellness Policy • Title IX materials
Purpose:	Review and Discussion
Presented By:	Suzanne Madison Goldstein

Materials:	Board Folder
Est. Time:	10 min
Minutes:	Board reviewed all policies. New and updated policies will be voted on in December.

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:	Planning has begun for a January or February retreat at LMU.

Item #11:	Charter Renewal
Description:	Timeline, Options for Merging Charters, Renewal Tracks
Purpose:	Review and Discussion
Presented By:	Dr. Shawna Draxton
Materials:	None
Est. Time:	10 min
Minutes:	Jim Scheible reviewed the slide deck with the board and answered questions. Jim recommended soliciting additional feedback from YMC before deciding which approach and timeline to follow. If an impact analysis report is required, that will impact the decision.

Item #12:	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:	Board compliance binder will be available to board members at the December meeting.

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 October 16, 2025
Description:	Review and approve the October 16, 2025 meeting minutes
Purpose:	Vote
Presented By:	Suzanne Madison Goldstein
Materials:	October Meeting Minutes
Est. Time:	2 min

Suzanne Madison Goldstein moved to approve this item; Dr. Mary McCullough seconded. The item passed unanimously 5-0-1-1-2 (Y - Goldstein, Makwana, McCullough, Guerra, Fedasz), N - 0, Absent - Tysch, Abstain - Grimm, Zoom - Remer, Graf)

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

Item tabled until December.

Item 2:	Proposed Vendor Contracts for FY 2025-26
Description:	Review proposed agreements for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alder Amendment
Purpose:	Discussion and vote
Presented By:	Jennie Brook
Materials:	In Board Folder
Est. Time:	5 min

The Board reviewed and discussed the proposed amendment to the Alder agreement to extend the contract.

Suzanne Madison Goldstein moved to approve this item, Julie Grimm seconded. The item passed unanimously 6-0-1-0-2 (Y - Goldstein, Makwana, McCullough, Grimm, Guerra, Fedasz), N - 0, Absent - Tysch, Abstain - 0, Zoom - Remer, Graf)

Item #3:	Curriculum Policy
Description:	Curriculum Policy #1: Curriculum Adoption, Additions, and Adjustments
Purpose:	Oversight
Presented By:	Dr. Shawna Draxton
Materials:	Board Folder
Est. Time:	5 min

Curriculum policy was reviewed earlier in the meeting. There have been many months of review before lawyers redlined the policy.

Karina Fedasz moved to approve this item, Suzanne Madison Goldstein seconded. The item passed unanimously 6-0-1-0-2 (Y - Goldstein, Makwana, McCullough, Grimm, Guerra, Fedasz), N - 0, Absent - Tysch, Abstain - 0, Zoom - Remer, Graf)

Item #4:	Alt Credentials for WISH Community School staff members
Description:	Notify board of teacher positions with alternative credentials
Purpose:	Hard to hire positions notification
Presented By:	Jennie Brook
Materials:	In Board Folder
Est. Time:	10 minutes

The board reviewed the compliance document reflecting limited assignment/hard to hire approvals for various positions.

Fernando Guerra moved to approve this item, Suzanne Madison Goldstein seconded. The item passed unanimously 5-0-1-1-2 (Y - Goldstein, McCullough, Grimm, Guerra, Fedasz), N - 0, Absent - Tysch, Abstain - Makwana, Zoom - Remer, Graf)

Item #5:	Alt Credentials for WISH Academy High School staff members
Description:	Notify board of teacher positions with alternative credentials
Purpose:	Hard to hire positions notification
Presented By:	Jennie Brook
Materials:	In Board Folder
Est. Time:	10 minutes

Same as above.

Karina Fedasz moved to approve this item, Dr. Mary McCullough seconded. The item passed unanimously 6-0-1-0-2 (Y - Goldstein, Makwana, McCullough, Grimm, Guerra, Fedasz), N - 0, Absent - Tysch, Abstain - 0, Zoom - Remer, Graf)

VI. CLOSED SESSION ITEMS:

None

IX ADJOURNMENT:

Board President Raj Makwana adjourned the meeting at 7:14pm.