Regular Board Meeting Minutes
WISH Community TK-8 and WISH Academy 9-12
Thursday, September 17, 2026, 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 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

President Raj Makwana called the meeting to order at 5:02 pm.

II. ROLL CALL

Board Members: Raj Makwana, Dr. Mary McCullough, Julie Grimm, Karina Fedasz, Fernando Guerra, Ben Tysch (arrived 5:05pm), Miles Remer (arrived 5:16pm)
Staff/Guests: Jennie Brook, Dr. Shawna Draxton, Janine Bielski
Absent: Dr. Victoria Graf, Suzanne Madison Goldstein

[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.

Zoom Participants

Mike Johnston, ExED	Brooke Rios, Board Member
Jessica Oney, WISH TK-5 Principal	

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:	Board policy for x was already approved, procedures are to support policy. Title IV policy available for board members to review until 9/25 when it is going to legal review. ELOP vendors will either be at October or November meetings. LMU Working Group September meeting session occurred yesterday. Breakfast and lunch program vendor is unchanged from last year. Data is currently embargoed and BOY testing is underway. Successful Back To School Nights, getting ready for Rock Your School Week and Homecoming games, senior nights, and Homecoming dance. Prop 39 SUA and FUA signed for 26-27 and 27-28 Prop 39 Cycle has begun. We are in the process of identifying 26-27 oversight dates with the district. Next School Site Council quarterly meeting is scheduled for 10/7/26 4:30-5:30. 26-27 staffing is complete. All employees will complete the full scope of required training by 9/23. WISH is in a feedback cycle in the renewal timeline. This month professional development is focused on LACOE Science Training for Secondary teachers and PEERS training for social skills development TK-12.

Item #2:	**Principals Update**
Description:	Update from Principal Lohith-Clarke and Principal Hollis
Purpose:	Information and Discussion
Presented By:	Dr. Shawna Draxton
Materials:	None
Est. Time:	15 min

Minutes:	ES - Year off to a great start, BOY recap includes BOY assessments, classes thriving and students growing, shifts have occurred in technology PD and programs, 25-26 reading growth continues to stay above 80% of students reading at/above grade level, 25-26 math growth is at 65%, Council circles which are community and trust building are x and PBIS (positive behavior supports) is going really well, a lot of new students joining so WISH Wonders (welcoming committee for new students) was launched this school year based on teacher recommendation from last year and have had a successful start with helping new students on campus and making connections. Students were able to share about the start of the school year and something they were enjoying at the start of the year and led our first tour! MS - Great Start to the 26-27 School Year with a warm welcome by WEB leaders, Leadership, and focus on adopting new tech norms, WEB Leaders with activities and events, BOY Assessments Completed at 98% across 2 of 3 grades, Students thriving and receiving support, Student Council, Spirit Week!, Ice Cream Social (today!) WEB Leaders have hosted 3 events so far this year. From academic check-in hangouts, to most recently our ice cream social. Leadership has planned and executed multiple Fun Fridays and started our first WISH Cafe of the year this past Wednesday. 25-26 MS iReady Math results showed 65% of all students met or exceeded benchmark standards. For 25-26 MS iReady ELA results 71% of all WISH Middle students met or exceeded benchmark standards. HS - Program highlights: school spirit - ASB and LINK, senior activities, homecoming, movie. Internships - students are already starting internships as we begin our big push to give kids this experiential and competitive advantage. CTE Pathways are off to an excellent start, articulated with WLAC and we are planning growth. WISH Academy scored above the national average in Math, achieving a 58th percentile median on the Spring 2025-26 NWEA MAP assessment. WISH Academy achieved a 72nd percentile median in Reading on the Spring 2025-26 verified data platform. Our current Math BOY results show that we are on track to see growth with already showing achievement above the 50th percentile across all grade levels.Our current English BOY results show that we are on track to see growth with already showing achievement above the 60th percentile across all grade levels. AP updates: 58.3% passing with 3 or higher (77 out of 132) with 65 unique students across 10 subjects. WISH Academy High School continues to end each academic school year with a 100% graduation rate. This means that all of our students complete their diploma or their certificated path of completion with pride and fidelity meeting all of A-G (95%) and state requirements. California graduation rate is 86.4%; 44.7%

	A-G graduation rate.

Item #3:	**Finance Updates**
Description:	June 2026 Financials
Purpose:	Board Informative
Presented By:	Ben Tysch/ExED
Materials:	To Be Distributed
Est. Time:	10 min
Minutes:	Final P2 ADA was 14.78 below budget, resulting in a $203K decrease in LCFF Revenue. WISH recognized $636K of restricted one-time funds. An additional $676K remains available to spend through FY28/29, not including any new one-time funds to be granted in FY26/27. WISH also recognized $402K of unrestricted one-time revenue related to the ERC interest less consulting fees. WISH collected $928K, or 109%, of its $850K fundraising target.

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 Curriculum Committee - no updates Executive Committee - no updates Finance Committee - no updates Facilities Committee - no updates, meeting soon

Item #5:	**Legislative and General Updates**
Description:	Review of legal and legislative updates impacting charter governance (if any)
Purpose:	Board Informative
Presented By:	Dr. Shawna Draxton
Materials:	To Be Distributed
Est. Time:	30 min
Minutes:	None at this time.

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:	A marketing deck for donors has been created. WISH Forward strategy meeting coming up.

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:	No updates.

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.

Item #9:	**LAUSD CSD Oversight Visit Dates and Compliance Monitoring**
Description:	LAUSD Oversight Visit for WISH Community LAUSD Oversight Visit for WISH Academy
Purpose:	Review and Discussion
Presented By:	Dr. Shawna Draxton
Materials:	Board Folder
Est. Time:	10 min
Minutes:	Received compliance documents, administrators are in the process of identifying 26-27 oversight dates with the district.

Item #10:	**Compliance Monitoring**
Description:	Ongoing monitoring and responses to any updates Updates re: additional compliance matters
Purpose:	Review and Discussion
Presented By:	Dr. Shawna Draxton
Materials:	Board Folder
Est. Time:	10 min
Minutes:	Updating Title IX policy

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 August 6, 2026**
Description:	Review and approve the August 6, 2026 meeting minutes
Purpose:	Vote
Presented By:	Dr. Shawna Draxton
Materials:	August Meeting Minutes
Est. Time:	2 min

Miles Remer moved to approve this item on the consent agenda, Dr. Mary McCullough seconded. The item passed unanimously 5-0-2-2-1 (Y - McCullough, Makwana, Guerra, Fedasz, Remer, N - 0, Absent - Graf, Goldstein, Abstain - Tysch, Grimm, Zoom - Rios)

B. ACTION ITEMS:

Item #1:	**FY25/26 Unaudited Actual Financial Report for WISH Community School**
Description:	Review and vote on unaudited actuals for WISH Community School
Purpose:	Oversight
Presented By:	Ben Tysch/ExED
Materials:	In Board Folder
Est. Time:	5 min

Discussed above in great detail.

Karina Fedasz moved to approve this item on the consent agenda, Ben Tysch seconded. The item passed unanimously 7-0-2-0-1 (Y - Grimm, Tysch, McCullough, Makwana, Guerra, Fedasz, Remer, N - 0, Absent - Graf, Goldstein, Abstain - 0, Zoom - Rios)

Item #2:	**FY25/26 Unaudited Actual Financial Report for WISH Academy High School**
Description:	Review and vote on unaudited actuals for WISH Academy High School
Purpose:	Oversight
Presented By:	Ben Tysch/ExED
Materials:	In Board Folder
Est. Time:	5 min

Discussed above in great detail.

Karina Fedasz moved to approve this item on the consent agenda, Miles Remer seconded. The item passed unanimously 7-0-2-0-1 (Y - Grimm, Tysch, McCullough, Makwana, Guerra, Fedasz, Remer, N - 0, Absent - Graf, Goldstein, Abstain - 0, Zoom - Rios)

VI. CLOSED SESSION ITEMS:

Item #1:	**Pending Litigation and/or Conference with Legal Counsel**
Description:	Conference with legal counsel re anticipated legal action– Closed session subject to California Government Code section 54956.9(d)(2): Number of matters: 1.
Purpose:	Information and Discussion of Anticipated Litigation and Conference with Legal Counsel
Presented By:	Suzanne Madison Goldstein, with counsel from YMC
Materials:	N/A

The board entered into closed session at 6:48pm. The board came out of closed session at 7:19 pm. President Raj Makwana reported out as follows:

No action was taken.

IX ADJOURNMENT:

President Raj Makwana adjourned the meeting at 7:19 pm.