



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

Password: JqU5rN¹

Scan the QR Code with your phone to join the meeting on Zoom:



I. CALL TO ORDER

Board President Raj Makwana called the meeting to order at 5:21 pm.

II. ROLL CALL

Board Members: Raj Makwana, Dr. Mary McCullough, Ben Tysch, Miles Remer, Julie Grimm, Dr. Victoria Graf

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

Absent: Karina Fedasz, Suzanne Madison Goldstein

Zoom Participants

Mike Johnston, ExED	Fernando Guerra

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

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:	ELOP program is going strong. Tonight we are looking at SARC for both schools. Not a lot that we have control over for that data. This will get published February 1. LCAP and WASC benchmark and MOY data preparation have begun. WASC midyear review is coming up at the end of January. LMU partnership needs approval for its MOU for another five years. WISH is currently in the process of meeting with three lunch vendors to review and secure a new contract for the 26-27 school year. Quarter 3 is the Quarter of Service: Schoolwide Beach Cleanup and Blood Drive is coming. Upcoming events include: (ES) Whole school movie night, Upcoming walk through California. (MS) Upcoming 8th-grade overnight, Semester 2 honors/awards assembly. (HS) Alumni Party was a blast! Little Shop of Horrors, Winter Fest, Kindness Challenge is on the horizon. School Site Council meetings are scheduled for Q.3 2/25/26 4:30-5:30 and Q.4 5/6/26 4:30-5:30.

Item #2:	Finance Updates
Description:	November 2025 Financials
Purpose:	Board Informative
Presented By:	Ben Tysch/ExED
Materials:	To Be Distributed
Est. Time:	10 min
Minutes:	Forecast enrollment is 19 students below budget, resulting in a \$121K decrease in LCFF Revenue. Forecast includes \$557K of restricted one-time funds. An additional \$686K 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 November 2025 WISH has achieved \$410K or 49% of its \$840K fundraising target.
--	---

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 - meeting with ExEd to review audited financials Curriculum Committee - will have a report for the next meeting Executive Committee - meet weekly Finance Committee - see above Facilities Committee - nothing 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:	Tabled

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:	Honoring Karina Fedasz for the adorable Booster pajama pants and her work with Principal Hollis on high school dinners.

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:	No new information. A lot of what was taken from the SARC was taken from the Dashboard.

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:	This is also in the SARC report.

Item #8:	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:	From 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Tentative hold for use of the LMU Suite 2300 Conference Room and Kitchen: Sunday, February 8, 2026 Tentative holds for use of the EDTL Conference Room and Kitchen: Saturday, February 7, 2026 Saturday, February 21, 2026

Item #9:	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:	Reviewed dates and next steps.

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 December 11, 2025
Description:	Review and approve the December 11, 2025 meeting minutes
Purpose:	Vote
Presented By:	Suzanne Madison Goldstein
Materials:	December Meeting Minutes
Est. Time:	2 min

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

B. ACTION ITEMS:

Item #1:	Non-Profit IRS Form 990 Policies
Description:	The IRS Form 990 is the annual information return filed by most non-profit charter schools. The IRS Form 990 includes a Governance, Management and Disclosure section. May 15th is the final deadline for the prior fiscal year's Form 990.
Purpose:	Discussion and Vote
Presented By:	Ben Tysch/Mike Johnston
Materials:	In Board folder
Est. Time:	5 min

Finance Committee will review the Document Retention and COI Policies at the next Finance Committee meeting. No vote needed.

Item #2:	School Accountability Report Card (SARC) - WISH Community School
Description:	Governing board approval is required by the authorizer MOU or charter petition.
Purpose:	Discussion and vote
Presented By:	Dr. Shawna Draxton
Materials:	In Board Folder
Est. Time:	5 min

SARC was reviewed and discussed in Board Discussion Items above.

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

Item #3:	School Accountability Report Card (SARC) - WISH Academy High School
Description:	Governing board approval is required by the authorizer MOU or charter petition.
Purpose:	Discussion and vote
Presented By:	Dr. Shawna Draxton
Materials:	In Board Folder
Est. Time:	5 min

Same as Item #2.

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

Item #4:	Loyola Marymount University Memorandum Of Understanding
Description:	WISH Community School and WISH Academy serve as professional development schools for LMU and this MOU marks the reciprocal relationship between the two entities for the next five years agreeable by all parties annually.
Purpose:	Discussion and vote
Presented By:	Dr. Shawna Draxton
Materials:	In Board Folder
Est. Time:	5 min

Tabled until Dr. Graf can speak with key LMU contacts. An emergency board meeting will be held before the lottery to vote on the MOU.

VI. CLOSED SESSION ITEMS:

Item #1:	Pending Litigation and/or Conference with Legal Counsel
Description:	<u>Conference with legal counsel re pending action</u> – OAH Case No 2025100224 Closed session subject to: California Government Code sections 54956.9(d)(2), 54956.9(d)(4), 54956.9(e)(2), 54956.9(e)(5)
Purpose:	Information and Discussion of Pending Litigation and/or Conference with Legal Counsel
Presented By:	Suzanne Madison Goldstein, with counsel from YMC
Materials:	N/A

Tabled until next month's meeting

IX. ADJOURNMENT:

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