



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

[Zoom Link](#)

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 5:13 pm.

II. ROLL CALL

Board Members: Raj Makwana, Dr. Mary McCullough, Ben Tysch, Miles Remer, Julie Grimm, Karina Fedasz, Suzanne Madison Goldstein

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

Absent: Fernando Guerra

Zoom Participants

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.

Mike Johnston, ExED	Dr. Victoria Graf

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

AcaDeca students and WISH Academy Principal Hollis joined

Vicki Graf had the privilege of being at WISH when 46 people came for a researcher tour from school district and ed board in Wisconsin, LAUSD schools, thanks for an excellent program

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:	Continuing to have policies reviewed, some will be reviewed this evening – please make any suggested changes soon as they will be going to the lawyers next week. The Comprehensive School Plan now includes Immigration Enforcement Procedures, which is a site document, not a board policy. LAUSD has a comprehensive document for their district and this is our overall document for WISH. It is in every emergency backpack in every classroom. Will also be reviewed at the upcoming WCA meeting. Teachers are already aware and will continue to receive training every August. ELOP is continuing. Mid Year Info LCAP reviewed. Lunch Vendor RFP is in play. Quarter 3 quarter of service including schoolwide beach cleanup and blood drive is coming. Gala and Golf fundraising events are upcoming. We are deep in the swing of Facilities prop 39 negotiations. Oversight is coming in March and April, SSC around the corner - they will be looking at LCAP. Renewal Board resumes and questionnaires are being added to the board folder.

Item #2:	Finance Updates
Description:	December 2025 Financials
Purpose:	Board Informative
Presented By:	Ben Tysch/ExED
Materials:	To Be Distributed
Est. Time:	10 min

Minutes:	Forecast enrollment is 24 students below budget, resulting in a \$150K decrease in LCFF Revenue. Forecast includes \$555K of restricted one-time funds. An additional \$687K 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 December 2025 WISH has achieved \$511K or 61% of its \$840K fundraising target. Governor's January budget proposal for next fiscal year reflects a modest 2.41% revenue COLA, which is lower than previously assumed. It also includes about \$512/ADA of unrestricted one-time funds, but this is subject to change before the state budget is finalized in June. LAUSD's preliminary Prop 39 offer for next year reflects an 18% increase in the price per square foot. This comes after a 21% increase in the current year.
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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 - Done for the next six months. Curriculum Committee - No report. Executive Committee - No report. Finance Committee - Discussed during this meeting. Facilities Committee - Paused for more robust discussions, reinstate with fundraising conversations.

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:	No updates 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:	Coming out of last year's strategy session, one of the targets was more students engaged in attending high school. Focus has been on dinner programs and additional marketing - saw 60 families for dinners and will measure ROI. Will be working with principals on projects. Marketing drip campaign with WAHS Principal. Gala honorees include Drian Phillips (head coach of WISH Academy basketball team and WISH Community School 6-8 Coordinator of Climate and Culture) and Kristina Stybel (WCA member, head of room parents, live auction).

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 changes on the dashboard. Happy to go through it with board members and is accessible online.

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:	Closely monitoring and supporting staff.

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:	Raj stated that we will pause board retreat and will bring those discussion items into monthly board meetings. Thank you to Dr. McCullough for assisting in clearing possible dates.

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:	Discussed within the Executive Director's board report.

Item #10:	Compliance Monitoring
Description:	Ongoing monitoring and responses to any updates Updates re: additional compliance matters Form 990 Materials <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Conflict of Interest Policy ● Whistleblower Policy ● Gift Acceptance Policy ● Document Retention Policy ● Executive Compensation Review Process
Purpose:	Review and Discussion
Presented By:	Suzanne Madison Goldstein
Materials:	Board Folder
Est. Time:	10 min
Minutes:	Board is currently reviewing these policies which will then be sent to the lawyers for updating before approving at the March meeting.

Item #11:	Form 700
Description:	The annual filing period has begun. Filers should have received an email on January 6, 2026, notifying them to submit their form by April 1, 2026. A reminder email to these filers will be sent by February 5, 2026. Only filers who have not yet filed their Annual as of that date will receive a reminder email.
Purpose:	Review and Discussion
Presented By:	Suzanne Madison Goldstein
Materials:	Board Folder
Est. Time:	5 min
Minutes:	Board members should see that their form should be prepopulated using last year's information.

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 January 8, 2026
Description:	Review and approve the January 8, 2026 meeting minutes
Purpose:	Vote
Presented By:	Suzanne Madison Goldstein
Materials:	January Meeting Minutes
Est. Time:	2 min

Item #2:	Approval of Special Board Minutes from February 3, 2026
Description:	Review and approve the February 3, 2026 special meeting minutes
Purpose:	Vote
Presented By:	Suzanne Madison Goldstein

Materials:	February Meeting Minutes
Est. Time:	2 min

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

B. ACTION ITEMS:

Item #1:	WISH Community School LCAP Mid-Year Update
Description:	Update
Purpose:	Board approval needed
Presented By:	Jennie Brook
Materials:	In Board folder
Est. Time:	5 min

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

Item #2:	WISH Academy High School LCAP Mid-Year Update
Description:	Update
Purpose:	Discussion and vote
Presented By:	Jennie Brook
Materials:	In Board Folder
Est. Time:	5 min

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

Item #3:	WISH Board Meeting Calendar for 26-27
Description:	Governing board approval is required by authorizer MOU or charter petition.
Purpose:	Board approval required
Presented By:	Suzanne Madison Goldstein
Materials:	In Board Folder
Est. Time:	10 min

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

Item #4:	Comprehensive School Safety Plan
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Description:	The Comprehensive School Safety Plan (CSSP) requirement became law in 2019. Your school must review, update and adopt its CSSP annually by March 1. Before adoption, the school site committee (SSC) or safety planning committee must hold a public meeting to gather public input on the plan. Included in the requirements, when a comprehensive school safety plan is next reviewed and updated, but by no later than March 1, 2026, the CSSP, must include procedures specifically designed to notify parents and guardians of pupils, teachers, administrators, and school personnel when the school confirms the presence of immigration enforcement on the schoolsite.
Purpose:	Discussion and vote
Presented By:	Dr. Shawna Draxton
Materials:	In Board Folder
Est. Time:	5 min

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

VI. CLOSED SESSION ITEMS:

Item #1:	Pending Litigation and/or Conference with Legal Counsel
Description:	<u>Conference with legal counsel re anticipated legal action</u> –Closed session subject to: California Government Code sections 54956.9(d)(2), 54956.9(d)(4)
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 6:23pm. The board came out of closed session at 7:10pm. Board President Raj Makwana reported out as follows:

No action was taken.

IX ADJOURNMENT:

Board President Raj Makwana adjourned the meeting at 7:11pm.