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Regular Board Meeting Minutes
WISH Community TK-8 and WISH Academy 9-12
Thursday, May 14, 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

Password: JqU5rN[1]

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I. CALL TO ORDER
President Raj Makwana called the meeting to order at 5:26 pm.

II. ROLL CALL
Board Members: Julie Grimm, Raj Makwana, Ben Tysch, Dr. Mary McCullough, Miles Remer, Karina Fedasz
Staff/Guests: Jennie Brook, Dr. Shawna Draxton, Janine Bielski
Absent: Fernando Guerra, Suzanne Madison Goldstein, Dr. Victoria Graf

[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	

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:	Updated comprehensive school safety plan which includes concussion checklist and contact information which have been used and helpful to schools. Commitments have been made to WLAED to continue the program along with Evolution sports and a MS GOAL coordinator. Mid Year information updates to the LCAP and LCFF were discussed. LMU Work Group meeting changed to 5/22. 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. No new news on the dashboard. Right now excited for WISHapalooza and celebrating senior everything, boys baseball and volleyball are in the playoffs. Principals working on shared used agreements and submitted all after hours requests. Congratulations to all on amazing ratings for oversight visits from both schools! All SSC meetings have been completed. Primary focus is end of the year events and renewal.

Item #2:	**Finance Updates**
Description:	March 2026 Financials
Purpose:	Board Informative
Presented By:	Ben Tysch/ExED
Materials:	To Be Distributed
Est. Time:	10 min
Minutes:	P2 enrollment is 29 students below budget, resulting in a $172K decrease in LCFF Revenue. Forecast includes $547K of restricted one-time funds. An additional $1.03M 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 March 2026, WISH has achieved $787K, or 94%, of its $839K 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 - great audit, no issues Curriculum Committee - no updates Executive Committee - no updates Finance Committee - no updates Facilities Committee - evaluating spaces and discussing options with WISHForward

Item #4:	**Legislative and General Updates**
Description:	Review of legal and legislative updates impacting charter governance (if any) ● CDE bulletin regarding expanding health courses to include fentanyl education.
Purpose:	Board Informative
Presented By:	Suzanne Madison Goldstein
Materials:	To Be Distributed
Est. Time:	30 min
Minutes:	Fentanyl education will be taught within high school health classes.

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:	Nothing to update, will have a full update for the year at the next meeting.

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.

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:	Nothing new and all ESSA grid materials passed.

Item #8:	**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 board report.

Item #9:	**Compliance Monitoring**
Description:	Ongoing monitoring and responses to any updates Updates re: additional compliance matters
Purpose:	Review and Discussion
Presented By:	Suzanne Madison Goldstein
Materials:	Board Folder
Est. Time:	10 min
Minutes:	No updates.

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 April 23, 2026**
Description:	Review and approve the April 23, 2026, meeting minutes
Purpose:	Vote
Presented By:	Suzanne Madison Goldstein
Materials:	April Meeting Minutes
Est. Time:	2 min

Tabled for next meeting.

Item #2:	**Non Profit IRS Form 990**

Description:	Brief discussion and review of proposed 990.
Purpose:	Vote
Presented By:	Ben Tysch/Mike Johnston
Materials:	In Board Folder
Est. Time:	2 min

Miles Remer moved to approve this item on the consent agenda, Karina Fedasz seconded. The item passed unanimously 6-0-3-0-0 (Y - Remer, Fedasz, Grimm, Tysch, Makwana, McCullough), N - 0, Absent - Graf, Guerra, Goldstein, Abstain - 0, Zoom - 0)

B. ACTION ITEMS:

Item #1:	**WISH Community School updated instructional minutes for 26-27**
Description:	Governing board approval is required by the authorizer MOU or charter petition.
Purpose:	Board Approval Required
Presented By:	Dr. Shawna Draxton
Materials:	In Board Folder
Est. Time:	10 min

Late start proposed for Middle School. WCA Leadership and Grade Level Teams are in alignment that this is needed.

Ben Tysch moved to approve this item, Miles Remer seconded. The item passed unanimously 6-0-3-0-0 (Y - Remer, Fedasz, Grimm, Tysch, Makwana, McCullough), N - 0, Absent - Graf, Guerra, Goldstein, Abstain - 0, Zoom - 0)

Item #2:	**WISH Academy High School updated instructional minutes for 26-27**
Description:	Governing board approval is required by the authorizer MOU or charter petition.
Purpose:	Board Approval Required
Presented By:	Dr. Shawna Draxton
Materials:	In Board Folder
Est. Time:	10 min

Item 2 already approved as no changes are going to be made.

Item #3:	**Faculty and Staff Salary Tables**
Description:	Review and approval of 26-27 salary tables
Purpose:	Board Approval Required
Presented By:	Dr. Shawna Draxton
Materials:	In Board Folder
Est. Time:	5 min

Reviewed during IV Item 2.

Miles Remer moved to approve this item, Dr. Mary McCullough seconded. The item passed unanimously 6-0-3-0-0 (Y - Remer, Fedasz, Grimm, Tysch, Makwana, McCullough), N - 0, Absent - Graf, Guerra, Goldstein, Abstain - 0, Zoom - 0)

Item #4:	**ExED Update of Rates**
Description:	ExED's Notice of Terms Supplement for the 2026-27 fiscal year for WISH. This document outlines updates to ExED's contract terms and fees for the upcoming fiscal year.
Purpose:	Board Approval Required
Presented By:	Dr. Shawna Draxton
Materials:	In Board Folder
Est. Time:	5 min

Rates are in the board folder. Going up 2 ½ percent on regular services and 1.7 on CALPADS support.

Ben Tysch moved to approve this item, Dr. Mary McCullough seconded. The item passed unanimously 6-0-3-0-0 (Y - Remer, Fedasz, Grimm, Tysch, Makwana, McCullough), N - 0, Absent - Graf, Guerra, Goldstein, Abstain - 0, Zoom - 0)

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 sections 54956.9(d)(2), 54956.9(d)(4) in re OAH Case No. 2026030984
Purpose:	Information and Discussion of Anticipated Litigation and Conference with Legal Counsel
Presented By:	Suzanne Madison Goldstein, with counsel from YMC
Materials:	N/A

Tabled closed session item.

IX ADJOURNMENT:

President Raj Makwana adjourned the meeting at 6:28pm.