Regular Board Meeting Minutes
WISH Community TK-8 and WISH Academy 9-12
Thursday, August 6, 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 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

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I. CALL TO ORDER

President Raj Makwana called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

II. ROLL CALL

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

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

[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.

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:	Reviewed all policies and handbooks to vote on later in tonight's meeting.

Item #2:	**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:	Committees paused their meetings during summer break. Dr. Graf shared about the LMU Education Conference on the statewide initiative on high school redesign.

Item #3:	**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:	Attorneys have provided all updates within our recent policies and handbooks.

Item #4:	**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:	First party book in August.

Item #5:	**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:	25-26 data is still embargoed. WISH is reviewing all data internally.

Item #6:	**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:	WISH is making sure we are monitoring all teacher credentials.

Item #7:	**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:	Will be removed until we have more information.

Item #8:	**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:	No notices from the district.

Item #9:	**Board Development and Recruitment**
Description:	Update - Introduce and welcome Dr. Brooke Rios
Purpose:	Discussion
Presented By:	Raj Makwana
Materials:	None
Est. Time:	10 min
Minutes:	Board members and staff introduced themselves and Dr Rios answered questions from the board members.

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 Special Board Minutes from June 25, 2026**
Description:	Review and approve the June 25, 2026 special meeting minutes
Purpose:	Vote
Presented By:	Dr. Shawna Draxton
Materials:	June 25 Special Meeting Minutes
Est. Time:	2 min

Item #1:	**Approval of Special Board Minutes from June 29, 2026**
Description:	Review and approve the June 29, 2026 special meeting minutes
Purpose:	Vote
Presented By:	Dr. Shawna Draxton
Materials:	June 29 Special Meeting Minutes
Est. Time:	2 min

Dr. Vicki Graf moved to approve these items on the consent agenda, Dr. Mary McCullough seconded. The item passed unanimously 5-0-3-1-0 (Y - Makwana, Graf, Fedasz, Guerra, McCullough), N - 0, Absent - Tysch, Grimm, Goldstein, Abstain - Remer, Zoom - 0)

B. ACTION ITEMS:

Item #1:	**Proposed Vendor Contracts**
Description:	Review proposed agreements for: ● WLAED
Purpose:	Discussion and vote
Presented By:	Jennie Brook
Materials:	In Board Folder
Est. Time:	5 min

Re-upping WLAED contract. No major changes since last year's contract.

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

Item #2:	**Nomination/Election of New Board Officers**
Description:	Nomination of new board member Dr. Brooke Rios
Purpose:	Board approval required
Presented By:	Raj Makwana
Materials:	None
Est. Time:	10 min

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

Item #3:	**WISH Community School revised 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

Change is to Middle School late start.

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

Item #4:	**WISH Academy High School revised 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

Change is to cut back on one early release week.

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

Item #5:	**Oversight Compliance Materials Final Review and Approval**
Description:	• Independent study policy • Curriculum policy • AI policy
Purpose:	Discussion and Vote
Presented By:	Dr. Shawna Draxton
Materials:	In Board Folder
Est. Time:	10 min

WISH principals, Dr. Draxton and Attorneys have reviewed all three policies. Dr. Draxton went over all redlines and board members reviewed the materials prior to the board meeting.

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

Item #6:	**WISH Employee Handbook 26-27**
Description:	Review and approval of employee handbook
Purpose:	Discussion and Vote
Presented By:	Dr. Shawna Draxton
Materials:	In Board Folder
Est. Time:	10 min

Dr. Draxton, the HR department and Attorneys have reviewed this handbook. Dr. Draxton went over all redlines and board members reviewed the materials prior to the board meeting.

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

Item #7:	**WISH TK-8 Family Handbook 26-27**
Description:	Review and approval of WISH Community family handbook
Purpose:	Discussion and Vote
Presented By:	Dr. Shawna Draxton
Materials:	In Board Folder
Est. Time:	10 min

WISH principals, Dr. Draxton and Attorneys have reviewed this handbook. Dr. Draxton went over all redlines and board members reviewed the materials prior to the board meeting.

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

Item #8:	**WISH 9-12 Family Handbook 26-27**
Description:	Review and approval of WISH Academy family handbook
Purpose:	Discussion and Vote
Presented By:	Dr. Shawna Draxton
Materials:	In Board Folder
Est. Time:	10 min

WISH principals, Dr. Draxton and Attorneys have reviewed this handbook. Dr. Draxton went over all redlines and board members reviewed the materials prior to the board meeting.

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

Item #9:	**WISH Technology Handbook 26-27**
Description:	Review and approval of WISH technology handbook
Purpose:	Discussion and Vote
Presented By:	Dr. Shawna Draxton
Materials:	In Board Folder
Est. Time:	10 min

Dr. Draxton, the IT department and Attorneys have reviewed this handbook. The technology with intention and purpose guidelines were discussed with small groups prior to the board meeting and re-reviewed with the board members. Dr. Draxton went over all redlines and board members reviewed the materials prior to the board meeting.

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

Item #10:	**CL 500 Declaration of Need for WISH Community School**
Description:	Declaration of need for fully qualified educators
Purpose:	Board Approval Needed
Presented By:	Jennie Brook
Materials:	Board Folder
Est. Time:	5 min

One emergency CLAD is needed for a teacher coming from out of state.

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

Item #11:	**CL 500 Declaration of Need for WISH Academy High School**
Description:	Declaration of need for fully qualified educators
Purpose:	Board Approval Needed
Presented By:	Jennie Brook
Materials:	Board Folder
Est. Time:	5 min

On file for just in case.

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

Item #12:	**FY25/26 Prop 28 Arts & Music funding for WISH Community School**
Description:	WISH Community School uses Prop 28 funds to hire staff so every 6-8 student can experience robust Art and Theatre education
Purpose:	Board approval needed
Presented By:	Jennie Brook/Mike Johnston
Materials:	Proposed revised policies in Board Folder
Est. Time:	5 min

Shows how money was spent for arts and music programs for the elementary and middle schools.

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

Item #13:	**FY25/26 Prop 28 Arts & Music funding for WISH Academy High School**
Description:	WISH Academy High School uses Prop 28 funds to hire staff so every 9-12 student can experience robust Art and Theatre education
Purpose:	Board approval needed
Presented By:	Jennie Brook/Mike Johnston
Materials:	Proposed revised policies in Board Folder
Est. Time:	5 min

Shows how money was spent for arts and music programs for the high school.

Karina Fedasz moved to approve this item, Miles Remer seconded. The item passed unanimously 6-0-3-0-0 (Y - Makwana, Graf, Fedasz, Guerra, Remer, McCullough), N - 0, Absent - Tysch, Grimm, 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 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 6:05pm. The board came out of closed session at 6:24 pm. President Raj Makwana reported out as follows:

No action was taken.

IX ADJOURNMENT:

President Raj Makwana adjourned the meeting at 6:41pm.