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

Vice President Dr. Mary McCullough called the meeting to order at 5:10 pm.

II. ROLL CALL

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

[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:	LCAP Mid-Year Information Update to the LCAP (Action Item- VB Item 1 and 2) and LCFF Budget Overview for Parents. WASC midyear review completed for WISH Community School and scheduled for WISH Academy High School. Dr. McCullough has focused on math instruction with a special project in collaboration with Loyola Marymount University Dean Zarate. 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 Quarter of Service events include Schoolwide Beach Cleanup, Rock, Roll, and Run- Go, Quincy- #1 in the whole race! Blood Drive is coming, Many Service Learning Fieldtrips, Service Learning Assemblies. Upcoming events are March 21st- Gala and May 4th- Golf. The next School Site Council meeting is scheduled for Q4 5/6/26 4:30-5:30. Site review planning is ongoing. Renewal discussion continues.

Item #2:	**Finance Updates**
Description:	January 2026 Financials
Purpose:	Board Informative
Presented By:	Ben Tysch/ExED
Materials:	To Be Distributed
Est. Time:	10 min
Minutes:	Forecast enrollment is 28 students below budget, resulting in a $164K 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 January 2026 WISH has achieved $681K or 81% 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 - Vote to reup audit company is later in meeting Curriculum Committee - No update this meeting Executive Committee - No update this meeting Finance Committee - Update occurred earlier in this meeting Facilities Committee - Meeting occurred recently

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:	Sorting through legislative updates and changes to determine which are necessary to share with the board

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:	Gala planning is in full force!

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 published items. Only secondary programs are eligible for CA Distinguished Schools which WISH Academy recently earned!

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:	Monitoring continues for all staff members.

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:	All items for WISH Community were uploaded yesterday.

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:	Materials are compliant and board members continue to review them to ensure

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 February 12, 2026**
Description:	Review and approve the February 12, 2026 meeting minutes
Purpose:	Vote
Presented By:	Suzanne Madison Goldstein
Materials:	February Meeting Minutes
Est. Time:	2 min

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

B. ACTION ITEMS:

Item #1:	**WISH Referral Protocols for Addressing Pupil Behavioral Health Concerns and Youth Behavioral Health Training Policy**
Description:	SB 135 / EdCode 49428.2
Purpose:	Board approval needed
Presented By:	Suzanne Madison Goldstein
Materials:	In Board folder
Est. Time:	5 min

New compliance protocol. Taken from state website. WISH is responsible for having systems in place with behavioral health. Reviewed with SSC, WCA, Faculty and Staff. Policy which will become process.

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

Item #2:	**WISH Organizational Policies – Proposed Updates**
Description:	Updates and required revisions to the following board policies: Form 990 Materials ● Conflict of Interest Policy ● Whistleblower Policy ● Gift Acceptance Policy ● Document Retention Policy ● Executive Compensation Review Process
Purpose:	Board approval needed
Presented By:	Suzanne Madison Goldstein
Materials:	In Board Folder
Est. Time:	10 min

All documents were reviewed. Suzanne clarified that there is no stand-alone Executive Compensation Review Process "policy document." With respect to ED compensation, WISH follows the requirements of California law, as it has most recently in 2021 and 2024:

- The Board, acting through the Executive Committee, conducts a comprehensive survey of ED salaries at reasonably comparable regional charter

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

Item #3:	**Outside Audit Firm Retention - CLA**
Description:	Confirmation of continued retention pursuant to 2026 SOW Audit and Tax Agreement
Purpose:	Board approval needed
Presented By:	Suzanne Madison Goldstein

Materials:	In Board Folder
Est. Time:	5 min

Audit firm has raised their fees consistently over the last few years. Can send out for bid next year. Board would like to review their contract in January.

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

Item #4:	**School Site Council Updated Bylaws**
Description:	Review and vote on the updated bylaws for WISH Community and WISH Academy
Purpose:	Oversight
Presented By:	Dr. Shawna Draxton
Materials:	In Board Folder
Est. Time:	5 min

Principals requested that the bylaws get approved by the board.

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

Item #5:	**FY 2025/26 Second Interim Financials - WISH Community School**
Description:	Charter schools are required to file two reports during a fiscal year (interim reports) on the status of the charter school's financial health. The second interim report is typically due to the charter school's authorizer prior to March 15 for the period ending January 31 including a fiscal year-end forecast. Governing boards may review the interim report after the submission date.
Purpose:	Discussion and vote
Presented By:	Ben Tysch/Mike Johnston
Materials:	In Board Folder
Est. Time:	5 min

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

Item #6:	**FY 2025/26 Second Interim Financials - WISH Academy High School**
Description:	Charter schools are required to file two reports during a fiscal year (interim reports) on the status of the charter school's financial health. The second interim report is typically due to the charter school's authorizer prior to March 15 for the period ending January 31

	including a fiscal year-end forecast. Governing boards may review the interim report after the submission date.
Purpose:	Discussion and vote
Presented By:	Ben Tysch/Mike Johnston
Materials:	In Board Folder
Est. Time:	5 min

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

Item #7:	**AB288 CCAP Partnership Agreement (MOU)**
Description:	El Camino College Partnership Agreement
Purpose:	Concurrent dual enrollment agreement
Presented By:	Dr. Shawna Draxton
Materials:	In Board Folder
Est. Time:	10 min

WISH is proud to partner with El Camino College, which is a PLTW partner and has very advanced engineering classes.

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

Item #8:	**WISH Community School academic calendar 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

First day of school is August 12. The district's Admissions day is being used as an off campus non session professional development day.

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

Item #9:	**WISH Academy High School academic calendar 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

Same with the exception of exam weeks.

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

Item #10:	**WISH Community School 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

No major changes; one more short day. WISH's charter has more minutes than the state requires.

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

Item #11:	**WISH Academy High School 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

Miles Remer moved to approve this item, Karina Fedasz seconded. The item passed unanimously 6-0-3-0-0 (Y - McCullough, Remer, Guerra, Tysch, Goldstein, Fedasz), N - 0, Absent - Makwana, Grimm, Graf, 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)
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 6:13pm. The board came out of closed session at 6:37pm. Vice President Dr. Mary McCullough reported out as follows:

No action was taken.

IX ADJOURNMENT:

Vice President Dr. Mary McCullough adjourned the meeting at 6:40pm.