



**Regular Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, October 10, 2024, 5:00 p.m.**  
**Location: In Person at 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) campus, 6550 W. 80th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90045

**and Via Zoom Virtual Meeting Platform**

**[Zoom Link](#)**

**Meeting ID: 829 8091 3041**

**Password: JqU5rN<sup>1</sup>**

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Board President Miles Remer called the meeting to order at 5:12pm.

**II. ROLL CALL**

Board Members: Miles Remer, Dr. Mary McCullough, Dr. Victoria Graf, Karina Fedasz, Suzanne Madison Goldstein, Raj Makwana, Ben Tysch (joined at 5:17pm)

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

Absent: Fernando Guerra, Julie Grimm

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<sup>1</sup> 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	Emily S.
Jason Rudolph, Board Member* (joined at 5:22pm)	

\* Participation only; not voting and not counted for Brown Act/quorum purposes

**III. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**IV. ITEMS FOR BOARD INFORMATION AND/OR DISCUSSION, INCLUDING COMMITTEE AND SCHOOL LEADERSHIP REPORTS**

<b>Item 1:</b>	<b>Executive Director Monthly Report</b>
<b>Description:</b>	Comprehensive monthly report to the board on all operational and organizational matters, including academic achievement, climate and culture, human capital, and health and safety (including COVID-related matters as required)
<b>Purpose:</b>	Information and Discussion
<b>Presented By:</b>	Dr. Shawna Draxton
<b>Materials:</b>	To Be Distributed
<b>Est. Time:</b>	10 min
<b>Minutes:</b>	Q1 almost done, operations and academic tiers are going well! Culture and climate at all three schools is high and the principals have successfully launched the school year. Cinemagic partnership is in progress, summer programming was amazing - many of our Juniors and Seniors participated with high school students from N. Ireland. Supporting Inclusive Practices (SIP) has 4 tours scheduled- 1st SIP tour is 11/10/24. Rock Your School was a blast - from Pink carpet clap-ins to Glow Parties to out of this world learning the teachers and principals went above and beyond to make learning spectacular. WAM festival was a success - From our two booths hosted by MS and HS students to our current WISH Academy/Alumni band performing on stage, WISH was able to Shine On in the community. Other events include: Quince- HS WISH 15 year celebration and Hispanic Heritage PotLuck. Homecoming is coming up on 10/29 and WISH Academy is running the YMCA Haunted House at the Spooktacular. Cell phone free campuses are a success. WISH Academy made the AP Honor Roll!

<b>Item #2:</b>	<b>Monitoring of WASC and LCAP (Integrated Single Plan for Student Achievement)</b>
<b>Description:</b>	Tools for local educational agencies to set goals, plan actions, and leverage resources to meet those goals to improve student outcomes
<b>Purpose:</b>	Review and Discussion
<b>Presented By:</b>	Dr. Shawna Draxton
<b>Materials:</b>	To Be Distributed

<b>Est. Time:</b>	10 min
<b>Minutes:</b>	LCAP and WASC benchmark and BOY verified data is complete. Quarter 1 current focus: systems, management, curriculum pacing, and implementation

<b>Item #3:</b>	<b>Finance Updates</b>
<b>Description:</b>	August 2024 Financials
<b>Purpose:</b>	Board Informative
<b>Presented By:</b>	Ben Tysch/ExED
<b>Materials:</b>	To Be Distributed
<b>Est. Time:</b>	10 min
<b>Minutes:</b>	Enrollment is currently 36 students below budget, resulting in a \$444K decrease in LCFF Revenue. Forecast includes \$572K of restricted one-time funds. An additional \$476K remains available to spend through FY27/28. The Community School has loaned \$500K to the High School in order for the HS to maintain a positive cash balance. Cash is decreasing faster than anticipated, mainly due to the district withholding rent at the preliminary rent rate while the final Prop 39 agreement is being finalized. Forecast does not include any receipt of ERC funds. While expected this year, the timing is uncertain. If ERC funds are recognized, net income would be \$1.04M and ending cash would be \$1.91M.

<b>Item #4:</b>	<b>Committee Updates</b>
<b>Description:</b>	Audit Committee Curriculum Committee Executive Committee Finance Committee Facilities Committee
<b>Purpose:</b>	Board Informative
<b>Presented By:</b>	Committee Chairs
<b>Materials:</b>	To Be Distributed
<b>Est. Time:</b>	15 min
<b>Minutes:</b>	Audit Committee - no updates Curriculum Committee - no updates Executive Committee - no updates, meeting regularly on various operational admin matters, next matter is to commence the cycle for ED Finance Committee - update was provided in Item #3 Facilities Committee - no updates, looking at various options at LAUSD and continuing to work with WISHForward

<b>Item #5:</b>	<b>Legislative and General Updates</b>
<b>Description:</b>	Review of legal and legislative updates impacting charter governance (if any).
<b>Purpose:</b>	Board Informative
<b>Presented By:</b>	Suzanne Madison Goldstein/Jason Rudolph

<b>Materials:</b>	To Be Distributed
<b>Est. Time:</b>	30 min
<b>Minutes:</b>	Nothing to share at this time

<b>Item #6:</b>	<b>Development/WISHForward Updates</b>
<b>Description:</b>	Review of development team’s work and fundraising/planning re same
<b>Purpose:</b>	Board Informative
<b>Presented By:</b>	Karina Fedasz
<b>Materials:</b>	N/A
<b>Est. Time:</b>	5 min
<b>Minutes:</b>	WISH Partybook Dad’s Poker event funds are going towards the annual fund drive, looking to net around \$6k. Dates for upcoming events are scheduled for March 8 for the Gala and May 12 for the Golf event.

<b>Item #7:</b>	<b>CA School Dashboard Indicators and DFS Metric</b>
<b>Description:</b>	Discuss CA Dashboard items/academic accountability
<b>Purpose:</b>	Board Informative
<b>Presented By:</b>	Dr. Shawna Draxton
<b>Materials:</b>	CA Dashboard for WISH Community and Academy
<b>Est. Time:</b>	5 min
<b>Minutes:</b>	Nothing new at this time

<b>Item #8:</b>	<b>CalSAS Monitoring</b>
<b>Description:</b>	Ongoing monitoring and responses to any exceptions identified by the CTC
<b>Purpose:</b>	Discussion
<b>Presented By:</b>	Dr. Shawna Draxton
<b>Materials:</b>	Board Folder
<b>Est. Time:</b>	10 min
<b>Minutes:</b>	Monitoring and making adjustments where we need to. Look at this weekly.

<b>Item #9:</b>	<b>LAUSD CSD Oversight Visit Dates and Compliance Monitoring</b>
<b>Description:</b>	LAUSD Oversight Visit for WISH Community: proposed for week of March 24 LAUSD Oversight Visit for WISH Academy: proposed for week of March 24  Discuss the need for board member participation at various stages for this year’s visits and the recently received CSD materials.
<b>Purpose:</b>	Review and Discussion
<b>Presented By:</b>	Dr. Shawna Draxton
<b>Materials:</b>	Board Folder
<b>Est. Time:</b>	10 min

<b>Minutes:</b>	Confirmed dates are WISH Academy on Tuesday, March 25 and WISH Community TK-8 on Wednesday, March 26.
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<b>Item #10:</b>	<b>Board Retreat</b>
<b>Description:</b>	Plan retreat
<b>Purpose:</b>	Review and Discussion
<b>Presented By:</b>	Miles Remer
<b>Materials:</b>	None
<b>Est. Time:</b>	10 min
<b>Minutes:</b>	The 24-25 board retreat will be held Saturday, January 25 from 9:30-2pm and will be hosted by Dr. Mary McCullough at LMU. Focus will be on finance, fundraising and facilities.

**V. ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION**

**A. CONSENT ACTION ITEMS: Items for action below assigned by the Board at the meeting to be adopted by a single vote. Any item may be pulled off of consent for further discussion by any Board Member at any time before action is taken.**

<b>Item #1:</b>	<b>Approval of Board Minutes from September 12, 2024</b>
<b>Description:</b>	Review and approve September 12, 2024 meeting minutes
<b>Purpose:</b>	Vote
<b>Presented By:</b>	Suzanne Madison Goldstein
<b>Materials:</b>	September Meeting Minutes
<b>Est. Time:</b>	2 min

Raj Makwana moved to approve this item on the consent agenda, Mary McCullough seconded. The item passed 7-0-2-0 (Y - Remer, McCullough, Goldstein, Makwana, Tysch, Fedasz, Graf, N - N/A, Absent - Guerra, Grimm, Abstain - 0)

**B. ACTION ITEMS:**

<b>Item #1:</b>	<b>Updated Fiscal Policy</b>
<b>Description:</b>	Revisions to align with the opening of the Savings Account and to make other changes necessary to allow the staff of WISH to actively manage WISH cash and cash equivalents
<b>Purpose:</b>	Discussion and Vote
<b>Presented By:</b>	Ben Tysch
<b>Materials:</b>	In Board Folder
<b>Est. Time:</b>	5 min

Finished review of policies as written. Essence is allowing the school to borrow from each other. Jason Rudolph has suggestions for Section 7 as it relates to revising inter school loans. Yellow highlighted areas are the revised items. Vote is for this version and at the next meeting will cast an amendment.

Raj Makwana moved to approve this item with the exception to the line item titled Modifications to Budget, Karina Fedasz seconded. The item passed unanimously 7-0-2-0 (Y - Remer, McCullough, Goldstein, Makwana, Tysch, Fedasz, Graf, N - N/A, Absent - Guerra, Grimm, Abstain - 0)

**VI. CLOSED SESSION ITEMS:**

<b>Item 1:</b>	<b>Pending Litigation and/or Conference with Legal Counsel</b>
<b>Description:</b>	<u>Conference with legal counsel re anticipated legal action</u> – Closed session subject to: California Government Code section 54956.9(b)
<b>Purpose:</b>	Information and Discussion of Pending Litigation with Legal Counsel - OAH Case No. 2024080291
<b>Presented By:</b>	Suzanne Madison Goldstein with counsel from YMC
<b>Materials:</b>	N/A
<b>Est. Time</b>	10 min

Item tabled

**IX ADJOURNMENT:**

Board President Miles Remer adjourned the meeting at 6:11pm