



**Regular Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, December 12, 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: 06pm.

**II. ROLL CALL**

Board Members: Miles Remer, Dr. Mary McCullough, Dr. Victoria Graf, Karina Fedasz, Suzanne Madison Goldstein, Julie Grimm, Fernando Guerra (arrived at 5:08pm), Raj Makwana (arrived at 5:12pm)

Staff/Guests: Jennie Brook, Dr. Shawna Draxton

Absent: Ben Tysch, Jason Rudolph

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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.

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| Mike Johnston, ExED |  |

**III. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

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

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| <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>      | Very large WCA meeting last night. HS current parents are coming to meet with current 8th grade parents. ELOP program is going according to plan. Teachers starting to take action on MOY data growth. Grateful to partnership with LMU Dean, SIP tour in November was highly successful. 3rd SIP tour in February is full, Lunch is going well, focused on academic achievement goals. ES International festival is tomorrow, MS snowball fest and open house is tonight, HS Winter Wonderland fest and Battle of the bands is next week, prop 39 meeting tomorrow to discuss T11 and T16. Focus is on math and school culture for PD. Reviewing how is our SIS communicating with CALPads and Ed Reports. |

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| <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>      | SSC members worked together to develop an action plan grounded in LCAP priorities. New LCAP website is being developed for the website. |

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| <b>Item #3:</b>     | <b>Finance Updates</b>                                   |
| <b>Description:</b> | October 2024 Financials / First Interim Financial Report |
| <b>Purpose:</b>     | Board Informative  |

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| <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 40 students below budget, resulting in a \$482K decrease in LCFF Revenue. Forecast includes \$571K of restricted one-time funds. An additional \$303K remains available to spend through FY27/28. The Community School has loaned \$675K to the High School in order for the HS to maintain a positive cash balance. \$315K of unrestricted fundraising has been shifted from the CS to the HS in order for the HS to show a positive net income. Forecast does not include any receipt of ERC funds. If ERC funds are recognized, net income would be \$1.65M and ending cash would be \$2.53M. As of October 2024, WISH has achieved \$346K or 42.2% of its \$820K fundraising goal. |

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| <b>Item #4:</b>      | <b>Committee Updates</b>  |
| <b>Description:</b>  | Audit Committee<br>Curriculum Committee<br>Executive Committee<br>Finance Committee<br>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 - nothing new to report<br>Curriculum Committee - ES and MS are top 2% in the country in Niche ratings, saw MS projects<br>Executive Committee - nothing new to report<br>Finance Committee - nothing new to report<br>Facilities Committee - didn't meet last week, meeting later this evening, talking more at upcoming board retreat |

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| <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 new to report  |

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| <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  |

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| <b>Materials:</b> | N/A  |
| <b>Est. Time:</b> | 5 min  |
| <b>Minutes:</b>   | General fund had a change in balance of \$19k for Gala and Golf events. Sought general operating foundation grant for \$25k, approved grant writer to assist and ended up getting \$50k. Money should arrive before 12/31. Gives an indication for the worth of a grant writer so looking more heavily into foundation grants going forward. Gala event is March 8 and Golf event is May 12. Pre marketing business development golf event with simulators at Fescue Golf Club on January 23rd. Giving Tuesday brought in \$8k not including the match funds. Planning for next year will begin in August. |

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| <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>      | Discussed within Executive Director Board Report     |

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| <b>Item #8:</b>      | <b>CalSAAS 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>      | Discussed within Executive Director Board Report                         |

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| <b>Item #9:</b>      | <b>LAUSD CSD Oversight Visit Dates and Compliance Monitoring</b>   |
| <b>Description:</b>  | Revised dates were requested by CSD and have been confirmed by all parties:<br>LAUSD Oversight Visit for WISH Community: Tuesday, March 25<br>LAUSD Oversight Visit for WISH Academy: Thursday, March 20<br><br>Triannual upload 2 is due January 10, 2025 |
| <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>      | The board reviewed board dates and the triannual upload.   |

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| <b>Item #10:</b>    | <b>Board Retreat</b>   |
| <b>Description:</b> | The 24-25 board retreat will be held Saturday, January 25 from 9:30-2pm at LMU, and coordinated through Dr. Mary McCullough's office at LMU. Focus will be on finance, fundraising and facilities. |

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|                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agenda approval</li> </ul> |
| <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>      | Three speakers coming in to discuss three items                     |

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| <b>Item #11:</b>     | <b>Compliance Monitoring</b>  |
| <b>Description:</b>  | Ongoing monitoring and responses to any updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Board Compliance Binder Review</li> <li>• Updates re: additional compliance matters</li> </ul> |
| <b>Purpose:</b>      | Review and Discussion   |
| <b>Presented By:</b> | Suzanne Madison Goldstein/Jason Rudolph   |
| <b>Materials:</b>    | Board Folder  |
| <b>Est. Time:</b>    | 10 min  |
| <b>Minutes:</b>      | Review all of board compliance materials  |

**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.

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| <b>Item #1:</b>      | <b>Approval of Board Minutes from November 14, 2024</b> |
| <b>Description:</b>  | Review and approve November 14, 2024 meeting minutes    |
| <b>Purpose:</b>      | Vote  |
| <b>Presented By:</b> | Suzanne Madison Goldstein                               |
| <b>Materials:</b>    | November Meeting Minutes                                |
| <b>Est. Time:</b>    | 2 min   |

Karina Fedasz moved to approve this item on the consent agenda, Suzanne Goldstein seconded. The item passed unanimously 8-0-1-0 (Y - Remer, McCullough, Goldstein, Makwana, Fedasz, Graf, Guerra, Grimm, N - N/A, Absent - Tysch, Abstain - 0)

**B. ACTION ITEMS:**

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| <b>Item #1:</b>      | <b>Compliance Monitoring and Certification of Board Compliance Review (Board President Certification)</b>                       |
| <b>Description:</b>  | Review compliance binder; discussion and vote re same, a signature from Board President on the document to be done via PandaDoc |
| <b>Purpose:</b>      | Discussion and Vote   |
| <b>Presented By:</b> | Suzanne Madison Goldstein   |
| <b>Materials:</b>    | In Board Folder   |
| <b>Est. Time:</b>    | 5 min   |

Document will be supplied to the board president for signature tomorrow.

Karina Fedasz moved to approve this item, Suzanne Goldstein seconded. The item passed unanimously 8-0-1-0 (Y - Remer, McCullough, Goldstein, Makwana, Fedasz, Graf, Guerra, Grimm, N - N/A, Absent - Tysch, Abstain - 0)

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| <b>Item #2:</b>      | <b>FY 2023/24 Annual Audit Review and Board Approval</b>        |
| <b>Description:</b>  | Presentation of Annual Audit and Audit Committee Recommendation |
| <b>Purpose:</b>      | Discussion and Vote   |
| <b>Presented By:</b> | Ben Tysch/Mike Johnston   |
| <b>Materials:</b>    | In Board Folder   |
| <b>Est. Time:</b>    | 5 min   |

There were no findings and questioned costs related to the basic financial statements or state awards for the prior year. Audit matches financials which were already approved.

Vicki Graf moved to approve this item, Raj Makwana seconded. The item passed unanimously 8-0-1-0 (Y - Remer, McCullough, Goldstein, Makwana, Fedasz, Graf, Guerra, Grimm, N - N/A, Absent - Tysch, Abstain - 0)

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| <b>Item #3:</b>      | <b>FY 2024/25 First Interim Financials - WISH Community School</b>  |
| <b>Description:</b>  | Interim financial report including actuals through October 2024 and update forecast through June 2025. Required to be submitted to authorizer and state by December 15. |
| <b>Purpose:</b>      | Discussion and Vote   |
| <b>Presented By:</b> | Ben Tysch/Mike Johnston   |
| <b>Materials:</b>    | In Board Folder   |
| <b>Est. Time:</b>    | 5 min   |

Suzanne Goldstein moved to approve this item, Dr. Mary McCullough seconded. The item passed unanimously 8-0-1-0 (Y - Remer, McCullough, Goldstein, Makwana, Fedasz, Graf, Guerra, Grimm, N - N/A, Absent - Tysch, Abstain - 0)

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| <b>Item #4:</b>      | <b>FY 2024/25 First Interim Financials - WISH Academy High School</b>   |
| <b>Description:</b>  | Interim financial report including actuals through October 2024 and update forecast through June 2025. Required to be submitted to authorizer and state by December 15. |
| <b>Purpose:</b>      | Discussion and Vote   |
| <b>Presented By:</b> | Ben Tysch/Mike Johnston   |
| <b>Materials:</b>    | In Board Folder   |
| <b>Est. Time:</b>    | 5 min   |

Vicki Graf moved to approve this item, Fernando Guerra seconded. The item passed unanimously 8-0-1-0 (Y - Remer, McCullough, Goldstein, Makwana, Fedasz, Graf, Guerra, Grimm, N - N/A, Absent - Tysch, Abstain - 0)

**VI. CLOSED SESSION ITEMS:**

None

**IX. ADJOURNMENT:**

Board President Miles Remer adjourned the meeting at 6:04 pm