

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF  
LEGACY CHARTER SCHOOL

August 4, 2025

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**Board members in attendance**

Jarius Brookins  
Sven Carlsson  
Leslie Davis  
Maria Friedman  
Lazarus Goosby  
Dr. Carolyn Vessel

**Board members not attending**

James Bicak  
Andrell Holloway

**Others attending the meeting:** Nicole Boardman, Quattro; Josh Concannon, Dentons; Tamala Daniels, Legacy Charter School; Douglas DeJong, Quattro; Sheila Foster, Legacy Charter School; Liz Goss, Legacy Charter School; Gina Johnson, Legacy Charter School; Sonya Moore, Legacy Parent; Amir Muhammad, Dentons; Markayle Tolliver, Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity; and Justin Walker, Legacy Charter School.

**Location of Meeting**

The meeting was held at Industrial Fence, 1308 S. Kilbourn Avenue, Chicago, IL 60623.

**Call to Order**

The meeting of the Board of Directors of Legacy Charter School was called to order at approximately 2:20 pm. A quorum was present.

**New Board Members Recommendation**

Ms. Davis presented Mr. Concannon, Mr. Muhammad, Mr. Tolliver, and Ms. Moore for consideration as new board members. Mr. Concannon and Mr. Muhammad are both lawyers at Dentons, Mr. Tolliver is a Legacy alum, and Ms. Moore is a parent of a Legacy scholar and Parent Council President. Ms. Davis made a motion to elect Mr. Concannon, Mr. Muhammad, and Mr. Tolliver to the board for 2-year terms effective July 1, 2025, and Ms. Moore for a 1-year term effective July 1, 2025. Mr. Goosby seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Retreat**

Board broke for the retreat at 2:30 pm. Board returned to the meeting at 5:30pm.

**Public Comment**

No members of the public were present.

## **Review of Minutes**

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Ms. Vessel made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Goosby seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## **Board Member Updates**

Mr. Goosby made a motion to reelect Jim Bicak and Sven Carlsson for 2-year terms effective July 1, 2025. Mr. Brookins seconded the motion. The motion passed with two abstentions.

The board congratulated and expressed heartfelt thanks to Ms. Davis and Ms. Vessel for their remarkable 20 years of service. Their dedication, leadership, and enduring commitment have left a lasting impact on the board and the school community. Ms. Vessel announced that this is her final board meeting, closing a meaningful chapter of service. On behalf of the board, Ms. Davis officially thanked Ms. Vessel for her years of dedicated service, recognizing her as a spiritual guide who has loved and lifted the board through every season. She expressed deep gratitude for Ms. Vessel's unwavering presence and leadership, and affirmed that she will forever be remembered as a founding board member and a guiding light—for both the board and the school.

## **Officer Elections**

Ms. Davis made a motion to elect the following officers. Ms. Vessel seconded the motion. The motion passed with two abstentions.

- Board Chair: Andrell Holloway
- Vice Chair: Sven Carlsson
- Secretary: Maria Friedman
- Treasurer: Shanan Egger

## **Bank Signatories**

Mr. Goosby made a motion to approve the following bank signatories. Mr. Carlsson seconded the motion. The motion passed with two abstentions.

- Fifth Third Checking: Andrell Holloway, Shanan Egger, Liz Goss, and Tamala Daniels
- Fifth Third Savings: Andrell Holloway, Shanan Egger, Liz Goss, and Tamala Daniels
- UBS: Andrell Holloway and Shanan Egger

## **Finance Committee Update**

Mr. DeJong reported on financials. Mr. Muhammad asked a follow up question.

## **Executive Director's Report**

Ms. Goss presented an abbreviated version of the Executive Director's Report. Ms. Foster shared that she has just completed one fellowship program and will soon begin the National Aspiring Principals Fellowship through New Leaders. She anticipates earning her principal certification in 2026, marking an important step in her leadership journey.

### **I AM ABLE**

Ms. Vessel was not present for this discussion. As part of the annual conflict of interest review, Ms. Goss reminded the board about the existing contract with the I AM ABLE Center for Family Development which provides a counselor to support Legacy's 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade scholars. The contract payment is split 50/50 between Legacy and the Steans Family Foundation. I AM ABLE is committed to providing African American therapists who are deeply dedicated to serving the North Lawndale community. Mr. Goosby made a motion to note the board's acknowledgment of the relationship and that the board had no concerns. Ms. Davis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Volunteer Opportunities**

Ms. Goss shared upcoming volunteer opportunities, including the back-to-school fest and orientation.


### **Closing Remarks**

Mr. Tolliver thanked the board for their warm welcome and shared that he is looking forward to serving as a member of the board.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Maria Friedman, Secretary