

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

October 21, 2025

Board members in attendance

Sven Carlsson
Josh Concannon
Maria Friedman
Andrell Holloway
Sonya Moore
Markayle Tolliver

Board members not attending

James Bicak
Jarius Brookins
Leslie Davis
Lazarus Goosby
Amir Muhammad

Location of Meeting

The meeting was held at Legacy Charter School, 3318 W. Ogden Avenue, Chicago, IL 60623.

Others attending the meeting: Nicole Boardman, Matt Floyd, and Douglas De Jong from Quattro; Tavita Cook, Tamala Daniels, Shirley Descorbeth, Sheila Foster, Liz Goss, Gina Johnson, Nickeyla Hightower, Olivia McDowell, Nicole McGee, Sonja Sims, Lenetta Stepheny, Marcell Wade, Yvette Warren, Nicole Watson, and Makeba Wesley from Legacy Charter School.

Call to Order

The meeting of the Board of Directors of Legacy Charter School was called to order at approximately 8:15 am. A quorum was present.

Review of Minutes

August 4, 2025 – Regular Meeting Minutes: Mr. Carlsson made a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Moore seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment

No members of the public were present.

Finance Committee Update

Mr. De Jong shared the August financials; Legacy remains on track with strong cash reserves. Financial and compliance audits showed no findings; the Single Audit (food service) is pending. The Board approved the financial audit unanimously. The Finance Committee's goals for 2025–2026 include monthly financial oversight, developing a multi-year financial plan (capital needs, backlot development, compensation and retention), refining investment policy, evaluating the 401(k) custodian, and supporting board training on financial analysis.

Governance Committee Update

Mr. Holloway reviewed the Board's progress towards its goals for the 2025-2026 school year. Mr. Carlsson reviewed the Governance committee's goals for the 2025-2026 school year which include

strengthening engagement and governance by creating a matrix of member strengths and gaps, managing the Board Buddy program with new board member check-ins, developing an engagement and satisfaction assessment, digitizing and ensuring compliance with bylaws, monitoring all committee goals, and planning an outing to foster a sense of belonging.

Partnerships Committee Update

Ms. Friedman reviewed the committee's completed, ongoing, and upcoming activities for the 2025-2026 school year. She commended the behind-the-scenes efforts of the Legacy-Dentons working group. The committee will strengthen collaboration with Dentons through volunteer participation in Back to School Fest, classroom support during presession and intersessions, career day, and a middle school study trip. Additional initiatives include hosting Legacy leadership at an All-Attorney Lunch, celebrating Scholars of the Month, and partnering on Multicultural Day and Mock Trials. Fundraising and engagement goals include raising funds through the holiday campaign, securing a Sneaker Ball sponsorship, increasing Dentons attendance at the Sneaker Ball and Leadership Breakfast, and maintaining visibility through monthly recognition efforts.

Executive Director's Report

Ms. Foster recapped her two fellowship experiences. After eight months, she successfully completed and graduated from The Leadership Collaborative through the Surge Institute's Black Principals Network. She is currently participating in the National Aspiring Principals Fellowship through New Leaders, where she is taking graduate courses at Clark Atlanta University to earn her Principal Certification, valid in 45 states. One of her professors selected her as Fellow of the Month for the program's inaugural newsletter. She also reviewed her priorities as Principal and provided an update on Legacy's external partnerships, including the addition of K-Piano. Ms. Goss reviewed the Director of Operations' priorities, noting that Legacy maintains an impressive 95% compliance rate. She also shared that Phase I of the back lot development is currently underway.

Other Business

Mr. Holloway expressed interest in exploring cybersecurity options. Ms. Goss reviewed Legacy's existing infrastructure. Mr. Stone asked about collective concerns related to budget issues – both within CPS and at the national level.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:55 am.

Respectfully submitted,

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Maria Friedman, Secretary