



Special Board Meeting (via Zoom)
DRAFT Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
March 19, 2026
5:00PM – 5:36PM

These are draft minutes. Final minutes from this meeting will be posted to the School's website following the next Board Meeting on June 3, 2026.

Members Present:

Robbie Dean, Chair
Vilma Rosario, Vice Chair
Alejandra Barrera, Member
John Goodman, Member
Hanane Hakim, Member
Allison Kokkoros, Member
Cesar Lopez-Morales, Secretary and Treasurer
Helen Mesfin, Member
Ingrid Toledo, Member (joined at 5:13pm)
Hector Torres, Member
Johan Uvin, Member
Larry Villegas- Pérez, Member

Members Absent:

Ana Harvey, Member

Staff:

Eduardo Aponte, Vice President, Finance
Angela Medina, Chief Operations Officer
Alexis Ortiz, General Counsel
Karla Vasconez, Director of Executive Administration
& Strategic Initiatives

Quorum: Yes

Welcome & Pre-Meeting Announcements

Board Chair Robbie Dean provided opening comments and welcomed everyone to the meeting, which was called to order at 5:00pm.

Mr. Dean reminded everyone of the mission of the School. He noted that this special meeting was called in order to select a new auditor for the School, and to vote on a Resolution to amend

the Bylaws to clarify the roles of Officers.

Review of Agenda and Consent Agenda Approval

The following items were brought forward for approval as part of the Consent Agenda:

- Correction to minutes of the Board’s special meeting held on December 4, 2025.

Mr. Torres moved to approve the Consent Agenda, and Mr. Goodman seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted, and the Consent Agenda item was approved unanimously.

Closed Session

Mr. Dean noted the next item on the agenda was slated for closed session, citing the DC Code provision for doing so:

- Discussion in closed session pursuant to DC Code § 2-575(b)(2) – contracts and DC Code § 2-575(b)(11) – trade secrets and commercial or financial information.
 - o Discussion of auditor selection and contract negotiations.

Mr. Goodman made a motion to approve entering the closed session for the stated purposes. Ms. Rosario seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted to approve entering the closed session as proposed. The Board voted unanimously to enter closed session. Following the vote, the Board entered closed session.

Open Session

Following the closed session, the Board returned to the open meeting at about 5:30pm.

Vote on Auditor Selection

Mr. Dean thanked everyone for the discussion in closed session, and asked Mr. Goodman to present a motion for a roll call vote on whether to select CBIZ as the auditor for the School. Mr. Goodman moved to approve the selection of the auditor, and Mr. Villegas-Pérez seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was conducted, and the selection of the auditor was approved unanimously. Mr. Dean thanked all those who participated in the diligent selection of the auditor.

Proposed Revisions to Bylaws

Mr. Dean invited Ms. Rosario to share the proposal from the Governance & Nominating Committee to amend the Bylaws.

Ms. Rosario noted the following:

- After a thorough and considered process, the Governance & Nominating Committee proposed revisions to the Bylaws to better reflect the duties that Officers perform, and to

remove outdated or obsolete language. The changes also remove the prohibition on the Treasurer being the Chair of the Finance Committee, which would allow the Board greater flexibility in its Officer and Committee selections.

- Prior to the meeting, Board Members received a copy of the proposed revisions in both tracked changes and clean versions, as well as a summary of key changes, and a draft resolution adopting the amendments.
- If approved by the Board, the changes would be effective upon adoption of the Resolution. The amendments would then be submitted to the D.C. PCSB for their awareness.

There were no questions about the proposed amendments, and Ms. Rosario moved to approve the amendments. Mr. Torres seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted, and the Resolution amending the Bylaws was approved unanimously.

Mr. Dean thanked the Board, and noted his understanding that the amendments would be submitted to the D.C. PCSB for their notice.

Mr. Dean thanked the Board for attending the special meeting and for the productive and succinct discussion. He asked if there were any other questions or comments.

Ms. Rosario thanked Mr. Goodman and the Finance & Development Committee for their work in finding an auditor, and the Governance & Nominating Committee for all their hard work over the past few months.

Adjourn

Mr. Dean adjourned the meeting at 5:36pm.

Respectfully submitted by Cesar Lopez-Morales, Board Secretary