



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

**Members Present:**

Robbie Dean, Chair  
Wilma 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.
  - 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 and authorize execution of the negotiated contract, 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.

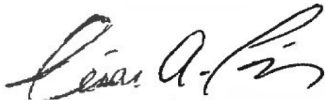
Mr. Dean thanked the Board, and noted his understanding that the amendments would be submitted to the D.C. PCSB for their notice.

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.



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Respectfully submitted by Cesar Lopez-Morales, Board Secretary