



**Board of Directors Meeting
March 18, 2026
Minutes**

CCPCS Board Member Attendees (in-person): Josh Boots, Jerenze Campbell, Neville Waters, Martin Griffin, Ammena Nazeen, Dave Dugan, Margaret Horn, Meghan Quinn

CCPCS Board Members via Zoom: Areesah Mobley, Kelli Jareaux

Guest Presenters: Georgetown WISE: Megan McCormick (Center for Wellbeing in School Environment)

CCPCS Staff Attendees: Russ Williams, Jackie Green, Rhonda McNeil

I. Call to Order & Chair Welcome

Chairman, Neville Waters welcomed everyone to the meeting and opened by providing a brief overview of the meeting agenda.

II. Routine Business

1. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

Motion to the board to approve the prior meeting minutes. Motion was seconded. All members approved the minutes (with proxies for 2 absent members).

Neville also spoke on the annual report from the PCSB and a training class that was upcoming. He was also invited as a Board Chairman to the PCSB breakfast.

III. CEO Report

1. It's been a very busy few months. Russ started his report with visuals of DC Chairman Mendelson visiting the Makerspace. He asked lots of questions and was very involved with what was going on at the time. He enjoyed his time exploring.

2. The arts program at Brightwood is very strong. The kids performed a Black History Month Show which included dance, singing and music, it was excellent. There is a lot of positivity up there.

3. There was another important visit to the Makerspace from Deputy Mayor Kihn. He was quite interested in the space and finding out what was happening there. His team does play a role in the budget. We also had Councilmember White visit as well and he had a productive visit also. Everything is going so well at the Makerspace and we are prepared for many more visitors.

4. M&T, our bank, met with Russ and would like to be a support for us with the Makerspace. That was a very positive meeting.

5. The CCPCS Spelling Bee was held and the kids did very well. This is always an excellent event and was held at Cap Hill. Each campus has a spelling bee and then those top winners go to the Cap Hill location for placing and upper grades can make the citywide district spelling bee. Each grade has a first, second and third place. This is an annual event

that the kids love to participate in.

IV. Presentation: Megan McCormick (WISE)

Our guest speaker, Megan, who is our lead clinician from WISE (Well-being in School Environment) from Georgetown University in partnership with Medstar and Jackie Green from our team who is the main contact for Megan, talked us through the work that is being done with our campuses and all staff members as far as mental health and well-being are concerned. Ever since the pandemic, more attention has been focused on this by a lot of corporations, especially schools. We are working with them at four of the campuses right now because we are on a contract. We have scaled up with them a little bit more each year. Staff can set up individual private one-on-one meetings with the clinicians for mental health and any other issues they would like to discuss.

V. Break

VI. June 2nd Makerspace Event FYI*

We, the Development Committee, FundEd and the support of the space are pulling together an event on June 2nd. It's flexible from 9am-3pm with some specific things happening in the early afternoon. Folks are certainly encouraged to drop by at whatever point during the day that works for them. We are still gathering information and setting things up. We will also be unveiling the Donor Wall. More information forthcoming.

VII. Committee Reports

1. Academic Committee - Josh explained that last year all 6 campuses met the goals that were set. Our percent proficiency is projected at most of our campuses is likely to go up in both math and reading but just incrementally, there is still room for improvement. Things are heading in the right direction.
2. Finance Committee - Jerenze says nothing major to report we are financially sound.
3. Development Committee - Areesah has no new updates, just the things that were already spoken about in regard to the Makerspace. Just hoping the Advisory Board will be good for us by bringing in some corporate funding and major donor contacts. Getting things together for the June 2nd event.
4. Governance Committee - Ammena spoke on needing another board member as soon as we can. We are just getting recommendations from campuses of parents for interviews. Ammena and Russ will reach out and get interviews set-up and get back to the Board on that.

Ammena also brought up the Succession Plan, the goal is for this to work as we move forward and to update the plan annually. There was a motion to approve this Succession Plan (and remove "draft" from the document). Motion seconded. This will

be updated annually at the March Board Meeting so the Governance Committee will discuss it each year prior to the March Meeting.

After Committee reports, Neville brought motion to start the Executive Session. Motion seconded. CEO and admin left the room.

VIII. Executive Session* (closed)

IX. Adjourn

*Pursuant to DC's Open Meetings Act please note that portions of the meeting will be a closed session to discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, performance evaluation, compensation, discipline, demotion, removal, or resignation of government appointees, employees, or officials, or of public charter school personnel, where the public body is the board of trustees of a public charter school [Citation: D.C. Official Code § 2-575(b)(10)]. This meeting is governed by the Open Meetings Act. Please address any questions or complaints arising under this meeting to the Office of Open Government at opengovoffice@dc.gov

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