



St. Coletta Special Education Public Charter School

Seeing possibilities beyond disabilities

Board Meeting

March 12, 2025

6:30 pm

In person and Zoom

Approved Meeting Minutes

Welcome, roll call, and call to order was recorded at 6:37 PM

In Person Attendance- Janel Brown, Shanta Bryant, Frances Slaughter, Francis Campbell and Carla Ware-Easterling.

Virtual Attendance- Josh Lewis and Charles Henstenburg

Approval of the minutes of the previous board meeting (November 13, 2024)

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the November 13, 2024, meeting, all present board members agreed to approve the meeting minutes.

Period of open comment and questions from members of the public

Although members of the public were provided with the opportunity to engage in this meeting, none participated.

Welcome Jasmine Pletzer, Chief Development Officer

The St. Coletta Public Charter School Board welcomed Ms. Jasmine Pletzer to the school environment and engaged in introductions.

The State of the School: Highlights and Challenges since the last board meeting in September

Principal Warden reported stable staffing and no documented complaints for this period.



Financial Report—Michael Olivarri, CFO

CFO Olivarri updated the board on the school's finances. High level discussion followed, and no significant concerns or follow-up was noted.

Additional comments—Mike Rodrigues, CEO

Report of a change of the number of students requiring one to one (1:1) staffing support (Dedicated Aide), consideration for identifying staff to assess students for appropriate level of need and navigation through the process to ensure proper funding to support the identified need. The UPSF work group have continued to review and develop ideas to resolve issues with school funding. April 2025 is the deadline for the pending Mayoral budget. The Continuing Resolution passed the House on March 11, 2025; Senate approval is pending. Expressing our views regarding proposed cuts to funding for Charter Schools and DCPS may require communication with key members of Congress. If the CR is not amended, DC will revert to FY 2024 spending levels. Charter schools would be impacted. School leadership is following this closely and exploring options to ensure school continues to serve students if cash flow is reduced/cut.

Strategic Planning- retreat pending

Branding- on hold

School items for noting/discussion

Focus on board governance training, open meetings and compliance with regulations. Efforts to continue work to draft charter, engage in professional development, and development of Bylaws. Establish committees, community partnerships, and be mindful of external perception of our program.

School year (SY) 2024 – 25 LEA Board Update

PCSB has provided links for additional online trainings and review of Board goals.

Board Development

Continue recruitment efforts for additional Board Members.

Other business

A three-year extension of Board Terms for J. Brown and C. Ware-Easterling were agreed upon by unanimous votes from the participating board members.

A motion to close the open session, all board members agreed, and the session closed at 7:43 pm (closed session, in accordance with DC Official Code 2-575, 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; and train and develop the board and school staff)

Closed Session

The Closed session of the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM with all voting Board Members present in agreement.

The meeting minutes from this session were reviewed and approved during the June 04, 2025, St. Coletta Special Education Public Charter School Board Meeting. The next scheduled meeting for the St. Coletta Public Charter School Board is July 09, 2025, at 6:30 PM.

Carla Ware-Easterling

Secretary for the St. Coletta Public Charter School Board and Parent Representative

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