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Board Meeting Minutes

March 11, 2026

6:30 PM

100% virtual using zoom

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting of the St Coletta Special Education Public Charter School Board was called to order at 6:33 pm. Board members present: Josh Lewis, Janel Brown, Chip Henstenburg, Jenny Shah, Roni DiGenno, Shanta Bryant, Francis Campbell. Absent (all excused): Carla Ware-Easterling, Carla Hall. Absent (unexcused): Frances Slaughter.

II. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

The Board reviewed the minutes from the January 2026 meeting. A motion to approve the minutes was made at 6:37 pm and approved unanimously by all members present.

III. Board Votes

A motion was made to approve Bert Wyman joining the board for a two-year term, from March 2026-March 2028. The motion was approved unanimously by all voting members present.

A motion was made to approve the school's policies and procedures. The motion was approved unanimously by all voting members present.

IV. State of the School – Amy Warden, Principal

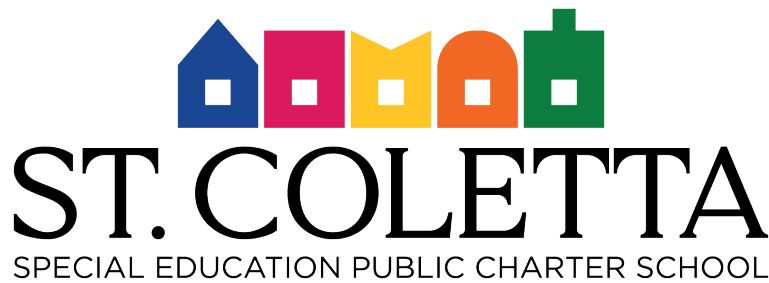
Amy provided updates on various school activities, including Black History Month celebrations, parent trainings, and an upcoming staff development session. Amy also noted the school is preparing for an NCASES accreditation review scheduled for May 3-6.

Amy presented the qualitative site review (QSR) report, highlighting a proficient score of 87.4% for classroom environment and 72% for instruction. She noted that while the school's program was accurately described and implemented as intended, there also were areas for improvement. It was also noted that the report included a comparison of scores between school years 15-16 and 25-26, attributing differences to staffing changes and COVID's impact.

The QSR was part of the process for the school's charter renewal. The next step in the process is the DC Public Charter School Board meeting in May, at which time there will be a vote on the charter renewal. Amy concluded by explaining the lottery process for allocating open student spots in the school.

V. Finance Report – Michael Olivarri, CFO

Michael presented a financial report for the 7 months ending January 31st, highlighting a significant improvement in net assets compared to the previous year, driven by increased revenue from UPSFF and Medicaid, as well as cost savings from converting contracted services to employees.



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VI. Chief Development Officer Report – Jasmine Pletzer, CDO

Jasmine provided an update on fundraising and other development-related topics. Highlights included:

- An upcoming Spring Appeal launch.
- Participation in a fundraising conference in San Diego at the end of April to enhance the team’s expertise and donor-centric approach.
- An upcoming charitable revenue analysis in mid-May.
- Request for board member participation in some upcoming events and initiatives.

VII. COO and CEO Reports – Kaiheem Mason and Mike Rodrigues

Discussion centered around the RFK property development and other construction in the surrounding area. Kaiheem also noted plans for critical repairs to rooftop units and other equipment, with plans to prioritize and seek funding for replacements and energy efficiency upgrades, including LED conversions and solar opportunities. Mike concluded with an update on the timing of the release of the Mayor’s Budget (on or near April 1st) and his recent advocacy efforts before the D.C. Council and individual meetings with council members.

VII. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the public session was made and approved unanimously at 7:58 pm.

The meeting minutes from this session were approved by the participating voting members of the St Coletta Public Charter School Board at 6:35 pm on May 13, 2026.

(Thomas) Josh Lewis
President, St. Coletta Public Charter School Board

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