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DRAFT Board Meeting Minutes

July 8, 2026
6:30 PM
In person and 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 6:32 pm on July 8, 2026. Board members present: Josh Lewis (zoom), Francis Campbell, Chip Henstenburg, Roni DiGenno (zoom), Bert Wyman, Jenny Shah (zoom), and Carla Hall. Absent (excused): Carla Ware-Easterling, Shanta Bryant. Absent (unexcused): Frances Slaughter.

II. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

The Board reviewed the minutes from the May 13, 2026 meeting. A motion to approve the minutes was made at 6:34 pm and approved unanimously by all members present.

III. Public Comment

No members of the public participated in this board meeting.

IV. Recognition of Outgoing Board Member

The Board recognized Chip Henstenburg for more than 17 years of dedicated service. Members expressed appreciation for his leadership, advocacy, and commitment to St. Coletta.

V. Finance Report and FY27 Budget

Michael Olivari and Mike Rodrigues presented the proposed FY27 budget. Revenue is projected at approximately $28.1 million, reflecting a $2.7 million increase in District funding. The budget includes compensation increases, 16 additional one-to-one support positions, and additional special services staffing. Discussion also covered the organization's strengthened financial position, long-term sustainability, development revenue assumptions, and the importance of presenting complete balance sheet information in future reports. There was also discussion of the planned $1.8 million HVAC replacement project to be funded through cash reserves and free cash flow rather than operating expenses. Following discussion, the Board unanimously approved the FY27 budget.

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VI. School Leadership Updates – Principal and COO

Amy Warden and Kaiheem Mason provided updates in their respective areas of responsibility. Discussion items included end-of-year activities, including prom and graduation preparations; alternate accountability framework goals; LEA Title funding; summer planning; new staff orientation; professional development; and facilities updates focused on the HVAC replacement schedule, temporary cooling measures, painting, flooring repairs, and other maintenance priorities.

VIII. Adjournment

A motion was made at 8:18 to adjourn the meeting, and all members present voted unanimously to adjourn.

The meeting minutes from this session will be reviewed during the next scheduled meeting of the St. Coletta Special Education Public Charter School Board, currently scheduled for September 2026.

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