

Connections Public Charter School

Governing Board Minutes

May 20, 2026

Kress Building 3:15 pm

Call to Order: Ms. Wilbourn called the meeting to order at 3:28pm

Members Present: Damon Murphy, Christina Wilbourn, Nalu Tufui, Pam Thatcher, Heather McDaniel, , Clint Kolyer, Sherri Kolman

Members Absent: Joanna Highstein, Romeo Garcia

Guests: Cheryl Gravela, John Woolverton, Alexis Krygier (security), Pipr Selden (teacher), Dana Downing (HGEA rep agent Unit 3), Jodie Sumera (HGEA Division Chief), Jayci Machida (teacher), Angie Krygier (security)

Recorder: Minutes for today's meeting are recorded by Mrs. McDaniel.

Public Input: Ms. Krygier introduced herself and guests who attended to support her. Ms. Selden provided a letter of support. Ms. Machida provided a letter of support. Ms. Sumera asked that members take into consideration Ms. Krygier's input. Ms. Krygier had character letters to submit, and never intended to make anyone uncomfortable.

Approval of Agenda: Ms. Wilbourn called for a motion to approve the agenda. A motion was made by Mrs. McDaniel to move the Personnel Matter item to the next line in the agenda, following Approval of Agenda.. The motion was seconded by Ms. Tufui and was approved with consensus.

A motion was made by Mr. Murphy to go into executive session at 3:45pm for the purpose of discussing a personnel matter. Ms. Wilbourn will recuse herself from the executive session, which will include Mr. Woolverton, Ms. Krygier and Ms. Downing. Mrs. McDaniel was asked to lead the discussion. The motion was seconded by Ms. Tufui and was approved with consensus.

A motion was made by Mrs. Thatcher to go out of executive session at 5:23pm. The motion was seconded by Ms. Tufui and was approved with consensus.

Ms. Wilbourn returned to the regular session at 5:28pm.

Approval of Minutes for April 15, 2026 meeting: Members reviewed the minutes from the meeting on April 15, 2026.

A motion was made by Ms. Tufui to approve the April 15, 2026 minutes with one correction. The motion was seconded by Ms. Kolman and was approved with consensus.

Correspondence & Communication:

Mr. Murphy reported of a meeting with HGEA rep agent Dana Downing and employee Alexis Krygier on 5/1/26 .

Mr. Murphy reported on correspondence from UPW confirming their intention to proceed with arbitration regarding the grievance over Temporary Hazard Pay.

Commission School Lead Report: none

Old Business: none

New Business:

Approval of New Substitute Teachers: none

Review of Governing Board Policies: none

Potential Change to Calendar: Mr. Woolverton earlier reported on a mandatory active shooter training, required to be scheduled during the first quarter of next school year, which will necessitate scheduling an additional non-instructional day.

A motion was made by Ms. Kolman to approve the scheduling of an additional non-instructional day in the Q1 SY 2026-2027 calendar. The motion was seconded by Mrs. McDaniel and was approved with consensus.

Operations Report:

Financial Officer's Report: Ms. Gravela provided the reports for April, 2026. Financial Officer Ms. Tufui reviews all invoices, payments and statements monthly. Notable items were Title I and Title IV reimbursements, and interest payments

A motion was made by Ms. Kolman to approve the Financial Report for April, 2026. The motion was seconded by Ms. Tufui and was approved with consensus..

Administrator's Report:

Current enrollment: 329

Federal Programs Report: Mrs. Thatcher reported that members of the Charter School Commission were on campus on May 18 for very positive site visit. Their input for rechartering included highlighting programs such as Studio Shaka, entrepreneurship endeavors, and the radio station project.

Student Achievement Report: Mrs. Thatcher reported that testing gains were made in most areas, while still somewhat below CSI goals.

Performance, Growth and Accreditation Initiatives Report: Mr. Murphy reported that there has been a pause in the process, and that we will reapply in June.

Administrators' Evaluations Report: Mr. Murphy reported that Mr. Thatcher will make a presentation in June.

Network Management: Mr. Murphy reported that there has been good progress in implementation of new programs.

Other Items:

Mr. Murphy reported that Mr. Thatcher went to China to research opportunities for purchase of prefab buildings for the property, particularly with Castleblock Corp. An estimate of \$67,000 (plus any adjustments in tariffs and taxes to be calculated at a later date) was provided. Members requested additional information regarding construction costs, and additional estimates from local vendors.

Next Meeting: June 17, 2026 at 3:15 pm.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 5:52ppm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Mr. Romeo Garcia

Connections Governing Board Chair