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# Washington Latin

# Minutes

## Washington Latin board meeting - Mar 2026

via ZOOM webinar

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**Date and Time**
Thursday March 19, 2026 at 6:00 PM

**Location**
via ZOOM webinar
https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_D9ZR2cQ7QT2NGLaNQTKbqg

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**Directors Present**
A. Huston (remote), A. Zachariah (remote), B. Williams-Kief (remote), C. McFadgion (remote), E. Paisner (remote), F. Perera (remote), K. Merritt (remote), L. Rucker (remote), M. Yeager (remote), R. Brooks (remote), Z. Berte (remote)

**Directors Absent**
P. Jayachandran, S. Angus

**Directors who arrived after the meeting opened**
Z. Berte

**Guests Present**
C. Gifford (remote), E. Moussa (remote), G. Izurieta (remote), L. Chia (remote), P. Anderson (remote)

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### I. Opening Items

**A.**

**Record Attendance**

### B. Call the Meeting to Order

K. Merritt called a meeting of the board of directors of Washington Latin to order on Thursday Mar 19, 2026 at 6:00 PM.

### C. Opening Remarks

Ken Merritt mentioned DCPCSB will be voting on the WLPCS 20 year charter review during the DCPCSB board meeting on Mar 23 Mon.

## II. The Latin Way Moment

### A. Share a story, quote, or recent experience that brought "The Latin Way" to life for you.

Brendan Williams-Kiev highlighted the positive experience filming the advocacy video "DC STUDENTS SUCCEED" at 2nd St starring 5 upper school students.

## III. Minutes/Executive Report

### A. Approve Minutes

F. Perera made a motion to approve the minutes from Washington Latin board meeting - Jan 2026 on 01-16-26.
R. Brooks seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

| **Roll Call** | |
|---|---|
| Z. Berte | Absent |
| L. Rucker | Aye |
| M. Yeager | Aye |
| K. Merritt | Aye |
| R. Brooks | Aye |
| A. Zachariah | Aye |
| E. Paisner | Aye |
| B. Williams-Kief | Aye |
| P. Jayachandran | Absent |
| C. McFadgion | Aye |
| F. Perera | Aye |
| S. Angus | Absent |
| A. Huston | Aye |

### B. LEA Executive Report

There are two DC election candidate forums in Apr.

Apr 07 Tue @ DC BILINGUAL
DC Council At-Large candidate forum

Apr 09 Thu @ WLPCS 2nd St
DC Mayoral candidate forum

For the first time during summer 2026, WLPCS will offer summer camp for 3 weeks at AJC and is open to children ages 8 to 14. Summer camp is distinct from summer school. It is not academic focused. In addition to a general camp, week long themed camps such as cheerleading and gymnastics and musical theater etc will be available for sign up.

## IV. Deep Dive Topics

### A. Budget assumptions and salary line for FY27

Z. Berte arrived.
Geovanna Izurieta presented the budget draft in detail for board approval of the salary line. The proposal included salary increases for existing staff and funding for new positions to support the addition of 10th grade at the new campus.

The FY27 budget reflects these priorities.

- ensure financial sustainability and support our strong program as we grow to scale and serve 1465 students by SY28/29
- reward our faculty and staff equitably
- meet debt obligations and covenants

Board members voted unanimously to approve the FY27 salary line.

A. Zachariah made a motion to approve the salary line for FY27.
E. Paisner seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

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| C. McFadgion | Aye |
| S. Angus | Absent |
| A. Huston | Aye |
| B. Williams-Kief | Aye |
| M. Yeager | Aye |
| F. Perera | Aye |
| A. Zachariah | Aye |
| P. Jayachandran | Absent |
| E. Paisner | Aye |

**Roll Call**

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| R. Brooks | Aye |
| L. Rucker | Aye |
| Z. Berte | Aye |
| K. Merritt | Aye |

### B. Financials

The JAN 2026 FINANCIALS report was shared with the board.

### C. Charter goals

Peter Anderson talked about ASPIRE, the DCPCSB academic accountability system. Most DC charter schools have adopted ASIPRE as their charter goal. The Schools Program And Performance committee reviewed the options and recommended that Washington Latin do the same. Board members voted to adopt ASPIRE as a WLPCS charter goal.

E. Paisner made a motion to adopt ASPIRE as a WLPCS charter goal.
F. Perera seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

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| K. Merritt | Aye |
| A. Zachariah | Aye |
| B. Williams-Kief | Aye |
| M. Yeager | Aye |
| A. Huston | Aye |
| L. Rucker | Aye |
| E. Paisner | Aye |
| F. Perera | Aye |
| Z. Berte | Aye |
| S. Angus | Absent |
| C. McFadgion | Aye |
| P. Jayachandran | Absent |
| R. Brooks | Aye |

### D. Charter review

The WLPCS 20 year charter review is on the agenda of the DCPCSB board meeting on Mar 23 Mon at 5:00pm.

## V. Updates

### A. Fundraising

The WLPCS 20 year celebration gala is on Jun 06 Sat at 2nd St. All board members are encouraged to attend. Promotional (sponsorship) information for the event will be shared soon.

BACCHANALIA (fundraising) events are happening in May.

There was an onboarding session with new board members recently. This will be offered to future new board members when they join the board.

### B. Advocacy Challenges

This is a major election year for DC. Board members are asked to support WLPCS seek engagement with candidates and elected officials.

### C. School Programs and Performance Committee

Caroline Gifford reported that more students are participating in AP classes and yielding better results. MAP testing is trending steady growth year on year.

### D. Governance

There is a ZOOM meeting with a potential board candidate on Mar 20 Fri.

### E. Athletics masterplan

A batting cage was installed recently at 2nd St.

The ATHLETICS masterplan consultant report is due in May. Work on the 2nd St field is anticipated to start during summer 2026.

## VI. Closing Items

### A. Adjourn Meeting

A. Zachariah made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
C. McFadgion seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

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| Z. Berte | Aye |
| K. Merritt | Aye |
| M. Yeager | Aye |
| B. Williams-Kief | Aye |

**Roll Call**

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|---|---|
| S. Angus | Absent |
| A. Huston | Aye |
| L. Rucker | Aye |
| F. Perera | Aye |
| P. Jayachandran | Absent |
| E. Paisner | Aye |
| A. Zachariah | Aye |
| C. McFadgion | Aye |
| R. Brooks | Aye |

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
L. Chia

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