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Wesley International Academy

Minutes

April Board Meeting

Date and Time
Tuesday April 14, 2026 at 6:00 PM

Location
Media Center

Directors Present
A. Hunter (remote), A. Sumter (remote), B. Little, J. Ziemann, K. Jones, O. Okwara (remote), R. Moorman (remote), S. Williams

Directors Absent
C. Hill, K. Boyer, R. Singh

Ex Officio Members Present
J. Marshall

Guests Present
C. Melvin (remote), C. Wyatt, D. Johnson, L. Price (remote), R. Edwards, R. Pavone, S. Finney

I. Opening Items

A. **Record Attendance**

B. **Call the Meeting to Order**

K. Jones called a meeting of the board of directors of Wesley International Academy to order on Tuesday Apr 14, 2026 at 6:09 PM.

C. Approve Minutes

J. Ziemann made a motion to approve the minutes from Board Meeting for February 24,2026 on 02-24-26.
S. Williams seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

D. Approve Agenda for April Board Meeting

S. Williams made a motion to Approve Agenda for April Board Meeting.
J. Ziemann seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

E. Community Comments

II. Board Chair Updates

A. General Updates

Congrats ED for the retention at 95%
Training hours have changed for board members

- **Existing board members:** Now require only **6 hours** (reduced from 9); current members need 3 additional hours.
- **New board members:** Defined as those with less than 2 years experience; require 9 hours (reduced from 12).
- Current board members **grandfathered** into existing member 2 years
- **Jen and Kate** are the only members exceeding required training hours; Jen completed all training hours today.

III. ED Updates

A. Staff Contracts

- **Medical incident:** Mr. Tony experienced a medical emergency and is at Emory Midtown; board sent prayers for his recovery.
- **Teacher retention:** 85% of issued contracts returned before spring break, reflecting strong school culture .
- **Building renovation:** Cook building features all new lighting, floors, HVAC, paint, playground turf, generator, intercom system, cafeteria tables, and office furniture .
- **Move timeline:** 9-day moving period starts around June 15th; less to move back than when relocating to Cohen

B. Renovation and Move

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C. Principal Updates

3-5 grades are preparing for Georgia Milestones
Teacher appreciation week is coming up. Theme for this year is not being announced.

IV. Academic Excellence

A. Academic Updates

- **Georgia Milestones testing** begins April 27th for grades 3, 5, and 8 (math and reading), continuing through May 8th for grades 4, 6, and 7 8.
- New this year: **math retesting** available for grades 5 and 8 in late May 9 and 10.
- Reading progress scores will **not** count toward CCRPI due to new state reading standards implementation .
- Parents encouraged to use GAExperienceOnline.com for test practice . **Teacher Appreciation Week** starts next week with a theme.

V. Governance

A. Committee Goal Updates

The committee plans to add **two new board members** for next year to ensure four experienced members for the 2026 charter renewal. Interviews will be conducted by a governance subcommittee before the June board meeting. Chris Wyatt and another member volunteered for the interview subcommittee .

B. Enrollment Updates

- **Seal the Seat event** held March 19th following March 5th lottery; highly successful in converting offers to enrollments.
- **Current enrollment:** Mid-to-upper 750s, matching last year's end despite Cohen relocation.
- **Re-enrollment process:** All currently enrolled families must re-enroll annually per charter requirements; staff verifying residency through leases and utility bills.
- **Upcoming events:** Kindergarten Roundup this week; MYP Rise Up (6th grade transition)

VI. Finance

A. Fy 2027 Budget Development Updates

Lisa Price : Presents financials .

Financial Report (February 2025)

Financial health: Strong balance sheet with **$11.2 million in cash** ($9M operating, $2.1M unrestricted reserves representing 45 days working capital).
February net income of **$439,000** (revenues exceeded expenses).
Compensation represents 75-78% of total costs, consistent with charter school norms .

New funding sources identified:

- **$52,000** facility grant from Georgia DOE 23
- **$21,000** incremental security grant.
- **$160,000** Governor Kemp appreciation stipend for certified staff (arriving April 15th).
- **$100,000** transportation reimbursement for Cohen relocation costs .
- Additional APS fund balance allocation for appreciation stipend supplement.

Two required public meetings:

- **First review:** May 20th Finance Committee meeting (detailed budget review and Q&A)
- **Second review and approval:** June 2nd board meeting (high-level review and vote).

Budget driven by enrollment forecasts, QBE funding, and Atlanta tax roll projections.

VII. Closing Items

A.

Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
C. Wyatt