



# Western School of Science and Technology: CFA

## Meeting of the Board of Directors of Western

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### Date and Time

Thursday October 15, 2026 at 8:30 PM MST

### Location

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Notice of Public Meeting of the Board of Directors of Western School of Science and Technology: A Challenge Foundation Academy, Inc.

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Agenda

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| I. Opening Items                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |         |                | 8:30 PM |
| A. Call the Meeting to Order                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |         | Jay Kaprosy    | 1 m     |
| B. Roll Call & Pledge of Allegiance                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |         | Nancy Carbajal | 2 m     |
| I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |         |                |         |
| C. Public Comments                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Discuss | Jay Kaprosy    | 3 m     |
| Public comments received in accordance with the instructions in the meeting notice will be read by staff during this agenda item up to a limit of three (3) minutes each in the order in which they were received, subject to time available at the discretion of the Board President or his/her designee. Under Arizona open meeting law, members of the Board may not discuss, respond to, or take action in this meeting on a matter raised under this public comment item that is not on the agenda. |         |                |         |
| D. Read Mission Statement                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |         |                | 2 m     |

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***Western School of Science and Technology exists to be an integral part of the Maryvale community, empowering students with access to a high-quality and inclusive education that will prepare every student with the skills to excel in a post-secondary institution and career.***

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| <b>II. WSST Update</b> |  |  | <b>8:38 PM</b> |
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| <b>A.</b> | Board Update      | Discuss | Adrian Espana    | 5 m  |
| <b>B.</b> | Enrollment Update | Discuss | Adrian Espana    | 5 m  |
| <b>C.</b> | Academic Update   | Discuss | Valeria Escobedo | 10 m |
| <b>D.</b> | Staffing Update   | Discuss | Valeria Escobedo | 5 m  |

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| <b>III. Approval of the Consent Agenda</b> |  |  | <b>9:03 PM</b> |
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| <b>A.</b> | Approval of September 10, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes | Approve Minutes | Jay Kaprosy |  |
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| <b>IV. Action Items #1</b> |  |  | <b>9:03 PM</b> |
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Board Members to take action on the items listed.

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| <b>A.</b> | Discussion and Consideration of the Annual Financial Report (AFR)                                           | Vote | Diamond Financial | 10 m |
| <b>B.</b> | Discussion and Consideration add Sandra Avila to the Arizona Corporation Commission as one of the Directors | Vote | Adrian Espana     | 3 m  |

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| <b>V. Closing Items</b> |  |  | <b>9:16 PM</b> |
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| <b>A.</b> | Adjourn Meeting | Vote |  |  |
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# Coversheet

## Approval of September 10, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes

**Section:** III. Approval of the Consent Agenda  
**Item:** A. Approval of September 10, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes  
**Purpose:** Approve Minutes  
**Submitted by:**  
**Related Material:**  
Minutes for Meeting of the Board of Directors of Western on September 10, 2026

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**Directors Present**

A. Ballesteros (remote), D. Ebert (remote), E. Yndigoyen (remote)

**Directors Absent**

B. Stratford, J. Kaprosy

**Guests Present**

A. Espana, A. Torres, N. Carbajal, Valeria Escobedo

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**I. Opening Items**

**A. Call the Meeting to Order**

A. Ballesteros called a meeting of the board of directors of Western School of Science and Technology: CFA to order on Thursday Sep 10, 2026 at 8:39 AM.

**B. Roll Call & Pledge of Allegiance**

**C. Public Comments**

No Public Comments

**D. Read Mission Statement**

Vice President Ballesteros read the Mission Statement

**II. WSST Update**

**A.**

## Board Update

Executive Director's update:

- **Professional Development:** Staff participated in professional development focused on Professional Learning Communities (PLCs), data analysis, and STEM.
- **Data-Driven Decision Making:** WSST is increasing its focus on using data to inform instructional and organizational decisions, including preparation for state testing and the transition to the new school letter grade system.
- **ADE Arizona Teacher Apprenticeship Program:** WSST is participating in the Arizona Department of Education's Arizona Teacher Apprenticeship Program.
- **ADE Arizona Principal Evaluation Study:** WSST is participating in the Arizona Department of Education's Arizona Principal Evaluation Study.
- **Athletics and Clubs:** Athletics and student clubs have officially started for the school year.

## B. Enrollment Update

## C. Academic Update

Principal's Escobedo's update:

- **Professional Development for Teachers:** Professional development focused on:
  - Professional Learning Communities (PLCs), including data analysis and development of action items based on student performance data.
  - Project-Based Learning (PBL) and STEAM integration.
  - Tier I and Tier II instruction, with an emphasis on differentiation to address student needs based on data.
- **Title I Parent and Family Engagement Night:** The event included:
  - An overview of Title I funding and its allocation at WSST.
  - An academic overview for families.
  - Information regarding post-secondary support, including a FAFSA Night planned for October for the WSST community.
  - A review of credit requirements and steps for students to obtain credits, including ways parents can support their students.

## D. Staffing Update

## E. Financial update

## III. Approval of the Consent Agenda

### A. Approval of July 9, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes

A. Ballesteros made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

A. Ballesteros made a motion to approve the minutes from Meeting of the Board of Directors of Western on 08-13-26.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

**B. Approval of Financial Statements and Vouchers for July 2026**

**IV. Action Items #1**

**A. Discussion and Consideration to add Sandra Avila to the Board of Directors**

E. Yndigoyen made a motion to Approve the addition of Sandra Avila to the Board of Directors.

D. Ebert seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

**B. Discussion and Consideration add Denise Ebert to the Arizona Corporation Commission as one of the Directors**

E. Yndigoyen made a motion to Approve adding Denise Ebert to the Arizona Corporation Commission.

D. Ebert seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

**C. Discussion and Consideration to approve the FY27 Principal/ Directors Bonus Structure**

E. Yndigoyen made a motion to Approve the FY27 Principal/ Directors Bonus Structure.

D. Ebert seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

**V. Executive Session: Executive Director Goals & Bonus Structure Pursuant A.R.S-38-431.03.**

**A. Board Members to take action on the listed and or from Executive Session**

A. Ballesteros made a motion to Convene into Executive Session.

E. Yndigoyen seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

D. Ebert made a motion to reconvene back to regular meeting.

E. Yndigoyen seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

**B. Action Item:II**

E. Yndigoyen made a motion to Approve the FY27 Executive Director Goals and Bonus structure as presented.

D. Ebert seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

## **VI. 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 9:27 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
A. Ballesteros

# Coversheet

## Discussion and Consideration of the Annual Financial Report (AFR)

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| <b>Section:</b>          | IV. Action Items #1                                                  |
| <b>Item:</b>             | A. Discussion and Consideration of the Annual Financial Report (AFR) |
| <b>Purpose:</b>          | Vote                                                                 |
| <b>Submitted by:</b>     |                                                                      |
| <b>Related Material:</b> | WSST 2026 AFR.xlsx                                                   |

## Notice

The following file is attached to this PDF. You will need to open this packet in an application that supports attachments to pdf files, e.g. [Adobe Reader](#):

WSST 2026 AFR.xlsx