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# Western School of Science and Technology: CFA

## Minutes

### Meeting of the Board of Directors of Western

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#### Date and Time

Thursday March 5, 2026 at 8:30 AM

#### Location

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

Pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes ("A.R.S.") § 38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the members of the Board of Directors of Western School of Science and Technology: A Challenge Foundation Academy, Inc., and to the general public that the board will hold a meeting, open to the public as specified below. The Board of Directors reserves the right to change the order of items on the agenda, with the exception of public hearings set for a specified time.

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03.A.3, the Board of Directors may go into Executive Session, which will not be open to the public, concerning any item on the agenda, for discussion, consideration, or consultations for legal advice.

**ALL ITEMS ON THE AGENDA ARE OPEN FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION, INCLUDING REPORTS AND ACTION ITEMS AGENDA**

**Disabled persons in need of special accommodations should contact Ms. Nancy Carbajal at 623.249.3900, ncarbajal@wsst.school at least 24 hours prior to the scheduled meeting time.**

**Members of the Governing Board may join in person, by telephone, or by Internet Conference.**

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**Where: Western School of Science and Technology:  
A Challenge Foundation Academy  
6515 W. Indian School Rd.  
Phoenix, AZ 85033**

**Conference Line:**

Meeting ID: 874 8652 5213

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**When: Thursday March 5, 2026, 8:30 am**

**The public space will open 10 minutes before the meeting begins. The virtual space will open 5 minutes before the meeting begins.**

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**Directors Present**

A. Ballesteros (remote), B. Stratford (remote), J. Kaprosy (remote), M. Sandoval (remote)

**Directors Absent**

E. Yndigoyen

**Guests Present**

A. Espana, N. Carbajal, Valeria Escobedo

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**I. Opening Items**

**A. Call the Meeting to Order**

J. Kaprosy called a meeting of the board of directors of Western School of Science and Technology: CFA to order on Thursday Mar 5, 2026 at 8:34 AM.

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

**C. Public Comments**

Mr. Howard Paley from WestEd addressed the Board regarding the work he has been doing with Mr. España. He shared positive feedback on Mr. España's progress and the growth he has demonstrated over the past year. Mr. Paley also expressed appreciation for the opportunity to host a SOPA training at WSST.

**D. Read Mission Statement**

President Kaprosy read the Mission Statement

**II. WSST Update**

#### **A. Board Update**

Mr. Espana provided the Board with an update on Future Warrior Night, Parent Teacher Conferences This Week, Parent Group Provided Dinner For Our Staff Flag Football and Coed Soccer Started This Week, State 48 Soccer Club Renting Our Fields

#### **B. Enrollment Update**

Mr. Espana provided an update on Enrollment

#### **C. Academic Update**

Ms. Escobedo provided an academic update to the Board.

- Spring Parent-Teacher Conferences conclude today.
- Quarter 3 ends next Friday, following Spring Break.
- Graduation and 8th Grade Promotion are scheduled for May 28.

#### Testing Updates

- AZELLA testing is being completed today.
- ACT and ACT Aspire are scheduled for March 31 and April 1.
- AASA and AzSCI testing will take place throughout April.

#### Summer School

- Teach For America will not support Summer School this year. Administration is currently planning a new summer school model.

President Kaprosy asked if WSST had more information on Teach For America's decision regarding Summer School.

Ms. Escobedo responded that Teach For America shared that they are making restructuring decisions, which was cited as one of the reasons for the change.

Member Ballesteros asked if WSST was the only school with which they ended their partnership.

Mr. España responded that there was another school that also had to make a change.

#### **D. Staffing Update**

Ms. Escobedo provided an update on current staffing.

#### **E. Financial Update**

Aimee Heising from Diamond Financial shared the January 2026 financials

### **III. Approval of the Consent Agenda**

#### **A.**

### **Approval of December 11, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes**

Motion to approve the minutes from Meeting of the Board of Directors of Western on 02-12-26.

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

### **B. Approval of the January 2026 Financials**

## **IV. Action Items #1**

### **A. Discussion and Consideration of the 26-27 Student Fee Schedule**

M. Sandoval made a motion to approve the 26-27 Student Fee Schedule.

B. Stratford seconded the motion.

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

## **V. Executive Session A.R.S. § 38-431.03**

### **A. Motion to Convene the Executive Session**

B. Stratford made a motion to Convene the Executive Session.

A. Ballesteros seconded the motion.

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

#### **Roll Call**

E. Yndigoyen Absent

### **B. Motion to reconvene to Regular Meeting**

B. Stratford made a motion to Reconvene to Regular Meeting.

A. Ballesteros seconded the motion.

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

#### **Roll Call**

E. Yndigoyen Absent

## **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 9:35 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

J. Kaprosy