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Minutes

One City Regular Board Meeting

Date and Time

Tuesday September 23, 2025 at 4:00 PM

Location

3rd Floor Conference Room

1707 W. Broadway

Madison, WI 53713

This meeting of the One City Board of Directors will take place in-person, at the Pleasant T. Rowland Leadership Campus. For those outside of Madison, or who are traveling, please use the following link:

<https://onecityschools.zoom.us/j/87275142442?pwd=VGU5c1BFLy83QnAzekZXY2lxOWJjUT09>

Passcode for the meeting is OneCity

Directors Present

B. Curley-Prestine (remote), C. Gaines (remote), D. Aguayo (remote), D. Dantzler Jr. (remote), G. Ladson-Billings (remote), J. Howard, J. Johnson, J. Krupp, S. Campagna, T. Pedracine

Directors Absent

G. Derzon, S. Stroman

Guests Present

B. Pickett, C. Hampton, G. Wiseman, J. Vertz, M. Dyslin, M. Ruffin, N. Navarro-Albaladejo

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

J. Howard called a meeting of the board of directors of One City Schools to order on Tuesday Sep 23, 2025 at 4:00 PM.

C. Approve Minutes from the August 26, 2025 Regular Board Meetings

J. Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes from One City Regular Board Meeting on 08-26-25.

S. Campagna seconded the motion.

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

II. One City Board of Directors Vice Chair Position

A. Appointment of Vice Chair

The Board approved the appointment of Sarah Campagna as Vice-Chair of the One City Schools Board of Directors. Ms. Campagna will continue to serve concurrently as Board Treasurer. The Board determined that holding both positions simultaneously will not impair Ms. Campagna's ability to fulfill the duties and responsibilities of either role. As Vice-Chair, Ms. Campagna will work in partnership with Board Chair James Howard to support the leadership and governance functions of the Board.

III. Review and Approve August 2025 Financials

A. Approve August 2025 Financial Report

J. Howard made a motion to approve the August 2025 financial report.

C. Gaines seconded the motion.

J. Vertz and S. Campagna presented the financial reports for August 2025.

Funds were received from Ascendium and the first per pupil payment from the state for the 2025-26 school year.

Board members requested an assumption tracker and budget to actual reporting.

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

IV. Enrollment Report and Report of First Weeks of the 2025-26 School Year

A. Enrollment and First Weeks of School Updates

M. Ruffin reported on the impressive range of areas One City students come from. We had close to 100% attendance for the September count day. We are continuing to enroll students, with seats available in grades 3, 6, 7 and 8. Currently, we are at close to 91% enrollment.

M. Ruffin reminded board members of the opportunity to volunteer at the One City concession stand at Camp Randall on October 11th and 18th. M. Ruffin will send a reminder email to board members to sign up.

V. Advocacy Update

A. Update on One City Schools Advocacy Efforts

C. Hampton reported that a group consisting of K.Caire and C.Hampton, Andy Engel of Hamilton Consulting, board member Toya Pedracine-Stewart, and strong community supporter Joe Sensenbrenner attended a meeting with Governor Evers. The Governor expressed his understanding of the positive impact One City is having on scholars and the community and the important role we play in education in Madison and Wisconsin.

Team members also met with Speaker Robin Vos, who also expressed support for our schools.

Bill McCoshen, a member of the lobbying team, joined One City's monthly leadership team to provide updates to our team on our efforts to secure the approval of the Demonstration Public School legislation that we are pursuing in our state legislature.

C. Hampton commented on the exceptional representation of the One City community at the Legislative Black Caucus event held at the Hub on September 22nd and to which One City stakeholders were invited by Representative Sheila Stubbs, member of the Wisconsin State Assembly and former Chair of the Democratic Party of Wisconsin Black Caucus.

VI. Department Reports

A. Department Updates

B. Pickett reported that One City Preschool is off to a smooth start for the year. The preschool has experienced minimal staff turnover in recent years, which has provided consistency for families and enabled experienced staff members to assume greater leadership responsibilities.

A. Ogunniyi and H. Brandt reminded board members of One City's priority to provide a positive, inspiring and joyful school culture. The first three weeks of the school year were dedicated to building strong relationships and establishing a joyful, predictable community. Scholars learned and practiced routines and procedures grounded in our five habits of character. To deepen belonging and relationships, staff began making positive phone calls home to strengthen connections with caregivers.

G. Wiseman shared the following updates:

CFO Search: One City has contracted with DeRonda Williams of the DWG Group, a national, Black woman-owned executive search firm recognized for cultivating diverse, high-caliber candidate pools. The firm specializes in placing CFOs and COOs across nonprofit, education, and social impact sectors.

Interim Financial Support: As the search for a Chief Financial Officer continues, One City is working with Charter School Business Management (CSBM) to provide interim support. CSBM offers extensive financial expertise, accounting services, training, and back-office support delivered by a team of finance and accounting professionals.

Community Event: G. Wiseman reminded board members about the September 26th community event, which will honor community members and unveil the newly wrapped school vans. The marketing grant that made this branding project possible was highlighted, and all board members are encouraged to attend.

VII. Move to Closed Session

A. Closed Session of the Board

J. Howard made a motion to move to closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statute s. 19.85(1)(f) as the discussion will include financial histories of specific individuals.

G. Ladson-Billings seconded the motion.

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

VIII. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

D. Dantzler Jr. made a motion to adjourn meeting.

J. Howard seconded the motion.

As there was not vote to be taken following conversation which included the discussion of financial histories of specific persons, the meeting was adjourned from closed session.

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

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

G. Wiseman

For more information, or if you have any questions, please contact COO and staff secretary to the board, Gail Wiseman at (608) 514-6119 or gwiseman@onecityschools.org.