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One City Schools

Minutes

One City Regular Board Meeting

Date and Time
Tuesday January 27, 2026 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=VGU5c1BFLy83QnAzekZXY2IxOWJjUT09

Passcode for the meeting is OneCity

Directors Present
B. Curley-Prestine, D. Dantzler Jr., G. Ladson-Billings (remote), J. Howard (remote), J. Johnson, J. Krupp (remote), J. Parisi (remote), S. Campagna, S. Stroman (remote), T. Pedracine (remote)

Directors Absent
D. Aguayo, G. Derzon, N. Wray

Ex Officio Members Present
K. Caire

Guests Present
B. Pickett, C. Hampton, Donald Dantzler (remote), G. Wiseman, H. Brandt, K. Key, Kim Anderson, M. Dyslin, M. Ruffin, N. Navarro-Albaladejo

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I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

S. Campagna called a meeting of the board of directors of One City Schools to order on Tuesday Jan 27, 2026 at 4:00 PM.

C. Approve Minutes from the November 25, 2025 Regular Board Meetings

B. Curley-Prestine made a motion to approve the minutes from One City Regular Board Meeting on 11-25-25.
J. Krupp seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

II. One City Scholars Presentation to the Board

A. One City Scholars Presentation

One City Schools STEM teaher Danyella Portillo and One City Scholars presented their work on the Future City Competition: Scholar-led engineering projects integrating sustainability, civic planning, research, and systems thinking.

III. One City Schools 2024-25 Audit Presentation

A. Audit Presentation

Ashlyn Smith, Manager at CliftonLarsonAllen (CLA), CPAs, reported on the recently concluded audit of One City Schools. Ms. Smith shared that her sole focus is in working with nonprofits.

The audit was submitted to One City's charter authorizer (the office of Educational Opportunity (OEO) at Universities of Wisconsin) by the deadline of December 1, 2025 and to the Department of Public Instruction (DPI), by its deadline of December 15, 2025.

Ms. Smith reported that, most importantly, One City received a clean audit with one material weakness, which was due to an adjustment carried over from last year's audit. There were no other concerns to report to the Board.

Ms. Smith noted that revenue trended upward in 2024–25 and that there was an overall positive change in net assets.

Ms. Smith stated that CLA is working on finalizing the Single Audit, with a deadline of the end of March, but likely to wrap up by the end of February.

IV. Review and Approval of November and December 2025 Financials

A. Review and Approve November and December Financials

B. Curley-Prestine made a motion to approve the November and December finanicals.
S. Stroman seconded the motion.
Board members reviewed the financial reports from November and December 2025, as the One City Board of Directors does not hold a regular meeting in December.

The Board noted a revenue shortfall attributable to lower-than-projected enrollment in some grades, and discussed the importance of increasing fundraising efforts to address the gap.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.
B. Curley-Prestine made a motion to to proceed with refinance of the FCI loan for the preschool to Summit Credit Union, with a lower interest rate of 6% for five years.
J. Krupp seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.
B. Curley-Prestine made a motion to establish, update, and/or authorize check signors for One City bank accounts held at Summit Credit Union and Old National Bank.
G. Ladson-Billings seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

V. One City Tutoring Program: Fall to Winter 2025-26 Academic Growth and Mid Year Pivot Report

A. One City Tutoring Program

Maria Dyslin, CAO, shared the promising results to date of the One City Schools volunteer tutor program. One City staff are grateful for the exceptional volunteers working with our staff and Scholars.

The University of Florida Literacy Institute (UFLI) training held in early January was a great success. All One City staff, along with volunteer tutors and some community members and parents, attended the two-day training.

UFLI will provide a refresher to One City staff on February 9th.

UFLI will hold the first Midwest "Pop-Up Academy" on March 14–15, with plans for approximately 80 participants.

B. Mid Year Pivot

Prior to winter break, leadership developed a plan to modify the school day to ensure Scholars reach their academic potential, demonstrate One City's Habits of Character, and develop the knowledge, skills, and tools necessary to become agents of change in their own lives and in the community, while also supporting the educators who will make this growth possible.

School leaders reported to the Board on the details of this mid-year pivot, including the tracking measures in place and data collected to date. While One City's academic growth is exceptional - both the elementary and middle schools have received "Exceeds Expectations" ratings for two consecutive years - One City remains committed to increasing proficiency for all Scholars. The key elements of the change are a concentrated focus on academics during the morning and project-based learning during the afternoon.

VI. Advocacy Update

A. Update on One City Schools Advocacy Efforts

On Wednesday, January 28th, there will be an Assembly Public Hearing before the Colleges and Universities Committee to consider AB #818, the Demonstration Public School Legislation. Board members are invited to attend.

VII. Department Reports

A. Department Updates

Written updates for each department were provided to board members.

VIII. Vote to Move to Closed Session

A. Vote to Move to Closed Session

B. Curley-Prestine made a motion to Move to closed session, pursuant to: Wis. Stat. § 19.85(1)(e) for discussing strategy related to public business that would be likely to have an adverse competitive effect if conducted publicly (review of embargoed 2024-25 school year report card and enrollment/budget strategy). Wis. Stat. § 19.85(1)(c) for considering

employment, compensation, or performance evaluation data of a public employee (CEO contract review and evaluation).
J. Johnson seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

IX. 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 6:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
G. Wiseman

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