

APPROVED

Youth Policy Institute Charter Schools (YPICS)

Minutes

YPICS Regular Board Meeting

Date and Time

Monday March 23, 2026 at 6:00 PM

Location

YPI Charter Schools
Learning and Support Center
10660 White Oak Avenue, Suite B101
Granada Hills, CA 91344

The Public may also access the live stream of the meeting at any of the four (4) YPICS locations or via the Zoom link below: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89671395431>

Presentations from the Public can only be made at one of the four YPICS locations listed.

Bert Corona Charter School
9400 Remick Avenue Pacoima, CA 91331

Bert Corona Charter High School
12513 Gain Street Pacoima, CA 91331

Monseñor Oscar Romero Charter School
2670 W. 11th Street Los Angeles, CA 90006

YPI Charter Schools
Learning and Support Center
10660 White Oak Avenue, Suite B101
Granada Hills, CA 91344

Board members will be calling in from:
1728 S. Vermont Ave, Los Angeles CA 90006

Trustees Present

C. Lopez, D. Cho, M. Green, M. Keipp

Trustees Absent

S. Mendoza

Guests Present

D. Rios (remote), F. Zepeda (remote), I. Castillo, K. Myers, M. Garcia, R. Bradford, R. Duenas, V. Nutt, Y. King-Berg, Y. Zubia (remote)

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance and Guests

B. Call the Meeting to Order

M. Keipp called a meeting of the board of trustees of Youth Policy Institute Charter Schools (YPICS) to order on Monday Mar 23, 2026 at 6:05 PM.

C. Additions/Corrections to Agenda

There were no additions or corrections to the agenda.

D. Approval of March 2, 2026 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

M. Green made a motion to approve the minutes from YPICS Regular Board Meeting on 03-02-26.

C. Lopez seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

S. Mendoza Absent

D. Cho Aye

M. Green Aye

C. Lopez Aye

II. Communications

A. Presentations from the Public

There were no presentations from the Public.

III. Items Scheduled for Information

A. Board Committee Updates

- 1) Academics - Academic Chair Lopez: No meeting yet, will schedule. Directed ED King-Berg to provide the Board with Variable Data Reports for the Board to discuss at the next meeting.
- 2) Finance - Finance Chair Green: Nothing to report. Announced: April 8th is the next meeting at 5 pm, Agenda Items, budget, and Health Benefits
- 3) Technology - Technology Chair Cho: Nothing to report

B. Bert Corona Charter School Executive Administrator's Report

Instruction & Performance Data

PD and Training-Paras, inclusive environment, training for trainers. In the last board report, I shared that we had conducted a deep dive into our iReady data and identified trends in our special education scores. Our goal is always to provide equitable access to instruction for our students, and one way to do that is to ensure that our staff is well-trained and supported to meet the needs of our kids. As such, we partnered with Mr. Nutt and CHIME schools to send our staff to several training sessions during March.

- A small team, including one of our general education teachers, an RSP teacher, and our Coordinator of Instruction, attended a training on building inclusive environments. This training focused on inclusive practices that build community and include strategies for effective co-teaching and planning.
- Our BIs and special education tutors (paraprofessionals) attended a training called "How to be an Effective Paraprofessional," where they learned new and innovative strategies to provide support to their students.
- Our lead tutor is attending a training to learn how to provide coaching and support to our special education paraprofessionals.

Observations and Focus for Feedback. In addition to our efforts to provide more support and training to our team, we also decided to focus our observations specifically on strategies that would support all learners. This effort began last week, and we will continue to provide support and coaching using the tool below throughout the spring semester.

Dr. Myers, Executive Administrator at Bert Corona Middle School, presented the BCCS EA Board of Trustees Report for the period ending March 23, 2026. The Board reviewed the report, and management responded to clarifying questions regarding a status update on instruction practices, coaching & assessment results, Community Outreach and Partnerships (City Council Member Imelda Padilla visit, and Congresswoman Luz Rivas visit), and building early college awareness (partnership with LA Mission College with accessible classes at BCCS). The report was accepted as presented.

C. Monseñor Oscar Romero Charter School Executive Administrator's Report

At Monseñor Oscar Romero Charter School, our work remains grounded in a deep commitment to student achievement, equity, and whole-child development. This report provides an overview of key updates across instruction, school culture, and student experiences, reflecting our staff's collective efforts to ensure that all students are engaged, supported, and challenged.

Throughout this reporting period, we have prioritized strengthening instructional practices through targeted professional development, particularly in technology integration, while continuing to build systems that support rigorous, standards-aligned teaching and learning. At the same time, we remain focused on fostering a positive and inclusive school culture that recognizes student growth, promotes engagement, and creates meaningful opportunities for students to connect their learning beyond the classroom.

Mr. Zepeda, Executive Administrator, presented the MORCS EA Board of Trustees Report for the period ending March 23, 2026. The Board reviewed the report, and management responded to clarifying questions regarding the Professional Development Plan and Critical Friends Groups, iReady Rubrics, and status updates on co-teaching & co-planning implementation timelines, as well as outreach and enrollment plan timelines. The report was accepted as presented.

D. Bert Corona Charter High School Executive Administrator's Report

Professional Development — Advancing Inclusive Practices Our special education program continues to grow through intentional, targeted professional development. A multidisciplinary team recently completed a two-day training at CHIME Charter School, focused on a proven inclusive model framework. The team, comprised of RSP teachers Aguilar and Matias, English teacher Edelhart, and the Coordinator of Instruction, N. Garcia, gained hands-on, ready-to-implement strategies through live classroom observations and a collaborative co-planning demonstration. Separately, Behavior Interventionist Ebony and the Coordinator of Instruction attended the Paraprofessional Train-the-Trainer Workshop, which provided a comprehensive long-term toolkit with Moodle-accessible resources and outlined two additional upcoming workshops to continue building capacity. **What's Next — Action Planning Phase** Both teams will now lead the next phase of action planning, focused on integrating school-wide, class-wide, and individualized inclusive practices across our instructional program. A primary goal of this phase is to develop a robust co-planning framework to support consistent and effective co-teaching, a key driver of student success in inclusive settings. This is an exciting step forward for our students, staff, and the overall strength of our special education program. We are proud of the dedication these team members bring to creating a more inclusive and supportive learning environment for all students.

Mr. M. Garcia, Executive Administrator of Bert Corona Charter High School, presented the BCCHS EA Board of Trustees Report for the period ending March 23, 2026. The Board reviewed the report, and management responded to clarifying questions regarding

enrollment trends and outreach plans to mitigate the slight decline from last year; the status of the WASC Review process; college acceptances; and events acknowledging Farm Worker's Day, Women's History Month, Black History Month, etc. The report was accepted as presented.

E. YPICS Chief Operations Officer's Report

Mr. Duenas presented the YPICS COO Board of Trustees Report for the period ending March 23, 2026. The Board reviewed the report, and management responded to clarifying questions regarding safety concerns (zero tolerance for sexual harassment), event cancellations due to the Cesar Chavez Allegations, YPICS Instructional Calendar development and status update, and the status update on the YPICS Attendance Recovery Program. The report was accepted as presented.

F. YPICS Executive Director Report

Ms. King-Berg, YPICS Executive Director, presented the YPICS Executive Directors' Board of Trustees Report for the period ending March 23, 2026. The Board reviewed the report, and management responded to clarifying questions regarding charter schools' greater intentionality in mergers and partnership conversations. YPICS has been approached by a few organizations and schools to consider this as a viable strategic succession plan as charters age and smaller schools or organizations feel more secure in numbers. Additionally, Charter schools are having difficulty renewing. LAUSD denied 13 schools. Therefore, single charter schools are looking to partner and potentially merge. YPICS has been approached by a small school and network, and they would like the organization to consider a merger conversation. The Board directed ED King-Berg to obtain additional information from legal, as it indicated an openness to this possibility. The report was accepted as presented.

G. Regional Placement Program: Partnership with Expatiate

Executive Director King-Berg provided a status update. Our Lawyers love this idea. They just need more time to review the proposal and come up with one that makes sense for us and other Option 3 schools.

H. BCCHS Prop 39 Alternative Agreement

This is the next step in the Prop 39 process. We are waiting for the signed alternative agreement. Once the past year is finalized, the Pro Rata Share fiscal adjustments will be made by the LAUSD Real Estate Office.

IV. Consent Agenda Items

A. Background

B. Consent Items

There were no consent agenda items.

V. Items Scheduled For Action

A. FY25-26 YPICS February Financials

M. Green made a motion to approve the YPICS February 2026 financials and check registers as submitted.

C. Lopez seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

D. Cho Aye

C. Lopez Aye

S. Mendoza Absent

M. Green Aye

B. YPICS FY24-25 990 Tax Return

C. Lopez made a motion to to approve the YPICS FY24-25 990 tax return.

D. Cho seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

S. Mendoza Absent

D. Cho Aye

M. Green Aye

C. Lopez Aye

C. YPICS Audit Selection for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2026

M. Green made a motion to approve CLA with the lead principal Wade McMullen for the YPICS audit year ending June 30, 2026.

C. Lopez seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

D. Cho Aye

M. Green Aye

S. Mendoza Absent

C. Lopez Aye

D. YPICS FY26-27 Calendar

C. Lopez made a motion to approve the YPICS FY26-27 calendar.

M. Green seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

M. Green Aye

Roll Call

C. Lopez Aye
S. Mendoza Absent
D. Cho Aye

VI. Announcements

A. Next Board Meeting

The next regular board meeting will be Wednesday, March 30, 2026.

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 7:35 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Y. Zubia