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YOUNG SCHOLARS
CHARTER SCHOOL
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# Young Scholars Charter School

# Minutes

## Regular Board Meeting

**Date and Time**
Tuesday March 24, 2026 at 4:00 PM

**Location**
900 N. Marshall Street
Philadelphia, PA 19123
-or-
remote

This meeting is being held in compliance with Open Meeting requirements of the Pennsylvania Sunshine Act and is open to the public.  Notices were duly posted and the meeting was advertised in The Philadelphia Daily News. Formal action will be taken.

**Trustees Present**
B. Young (remote), G. Singer (remote), J. Brown (remote), L. Umbrecht (remote), R. Halpern (remote), S. Piltch (remote), S. Schwartz (remote), W. Churchill (remote), W. Weisman (remote)

**Trustees Absent**
A. Wang

**Guests Present**
A. Wright (remote), C. Freyer (remote), J. Amenda (remote), K. Corcoran (remote), K. Lamilla (remote), K. Tini (remote), S. Smith (remote)

### I. Opening Items

### A. Record Attendance

### B. Call the Meeting to Order

R. Halpern called a meeting of the board of trustees of Young Scholars Charter School to order on Tuesday Mar 24, 2026 at 4:05 PM.

## II. Board Discussion Topics

### A. Dashboard

John Amenda reviewed the school's dashboard and reported positive academic results, including a 10 percentage point gain in math and 7 percentage point gain in reading on Pennsylvania's predictive assessment, putting the school close to its reading goal. Despite these challenges, the high-impact tutoring program (implemented in October) has doubled the projected number of students expected to reach proficiency by 5th grade, with projections showing students could outperform state aggregates after 4 years if current progress continues.

### B. Talent Report

Aniyah Wright reported on staffing needs for next year, including four director positions and two teaching roles, with offer letters for returning staff due Friday.

### C. Committee Updates Where Applicable

Robin Halpern proposed forming a separate committee to proactively pursue foundation funding. The $450,000 fundraising target is supporting high impact tutoring programs and related investments.

John Amenda discussed focusing on sustaining and potentially expanding the high-impact tutoring program, which currently serves 50-60 students in math with three tutors three days a week. John and Shana Schwartz discussed the need to address literacy skills for 5th and 6th grade students, with potential solutions including university student tutors or external corrective reading programs.

Kevin Corcoran gave a summary of recent financial activities, noting that the school is in a healthy position.

### D. 2026-2027 Annual Budget Approval (inclusive of staff salaries)

The board reviewed the current year's financial position and next year's budget, which included projections for enrollment, staffing, and fundraising needs. They were specifically focused on reaching 75 students in 5th grade to match their staffing model.

## III. Approval of Minutes

**A. Resolved that the Board approve the Regular session minutes from the February 3, 2026 meeting.**

R. Halpern made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 3, 2026 board meeting Regular Board Meeting on 02-03-26.
W. Weisman seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

## IV. Motions for Approval

**A. To approve 2026-2027 School Calendar**

R. Halpern made a motion to approve the 2026-2027 School Calendar.
J. Brown seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

**B. To approve the 2026-2027 Annual Budget Approval (inclusive of staff salaries)**

R. Halpern made a motion to approve the 2026-2027 Annual Budget Approval (inclusive of staff salaries).
B. Young seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

**C. To approval Casual Astronaut Proposal for website re-design**

R. Halpern made a motion to approve Casual Astronaut Proposal for website re-design.
W. Churchill seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

**D. To approve Facility LOI**

R. Halpern made a motion to approve the Facility LOI.
W. Churchill seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

## V. Executive Session

**A. Facility Update**

The board entered Executive Session to discuss a potential new facility acquisition. Tyler Baier and Melissa DeMauro from Level Field Partners aims to execute a purchase and sale agreement and are working with architects and engineers to assess the property's suitability and conduct a feasibility analysis.

## 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 5:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
W. Weisman