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# Making Waves Academy

## Minutes

### January Board Meeting

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#### **Date and Time**

Monday January 27, 2025 at 11:00 AM

#### **Location**

In-person at:

Making Waves Academy  
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### **Directors Present**

Alicia Malet Klein, Amy Obinyan, Enrique Romero (remote), Esther Hugo, Janis Glover, Jessica Laughlin (remote)

### **Directors Absent**

Margaret Watson

### **Guests Present**

Alton B. Nelson Jr., Bryann Fitzpatrick, Elizabeth Martinez, Tameka Jackson

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## **I. Opening Items**

### **A. Call the Meeting to Order**

Alicia Malet Klein called a meeting of the board of directors of Making Waves Academy to order on Monday Jan 27, 2025 at 11:05 AM.

### **B. Record Attendance**

### **C. Remarks by Board President**

Board president acknowledged the beginning of Spring Semester.

**Focus Areas:** Strategic planning with MWEF, math progress, student mental health  
**WASC/LCAP Goal:** Goal 2- College and Career Readiness; Goal 3- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

**D. Public Comment**

No public comments were made.

**II. Standing Reports**

**A. Mission Connection: Community**

The board watched a video highlighting community building activities from this year.

**B. ASB Update**

ASB Members provided an update on their successes, including items related to the spring dance and the 100th day of school. As a challenge, they noted difficulties presented by APEX courses, the desire for more trauma-informed training and issues with visitors at sports games.

Board members and leaders commended students' ability to talk on difficult subjects and encouraged students to bring issues to Dr. Jackson, other administrators and their advisors as well so that their concerns can be addressed directly. They also asked questions about student safety at student sports games and experiences with APEX courses.

**C. Deep Dive: Strategic Planning Pre-Work**

MWEF CEO Patrick O'Donnell and MWA CEO Alton Nelson shared on pre-work that has been done to align MWA's strategic plan with long term goals related to student success in life. This includes placing more emphasis on economic mobility for MWA graduates, rather than merely the attainment of a bachelor's degree.

In discussion, ensuring that we are mapping student skills and interests to career pathways was noted as an important part of this process.

The board has agreed that progress towards economic mobility is in alignment with their priorities and was enthusiastic about the direction.

**D. Q&A on Written School Report**

Board members had questions and comments about the written report related to the percentage of students failing multiple classes, math data provided by Instructional Partners, and the details of the deans' strategies. A discrepancy between graduation rate

numbers in this report and the LCAP Mid-Year Update was noted; Ms. Martinez clarified the different measures.

**E. Q&A on Chief Executive Officer Report (CEO)**

Board members had questions and comments about the CEO's report related to hiring and also praised the recent guidance for supporting undocumented students and families.

**F. Q&A on Chief Operating Officer Report (COO)**

Board members had questions and comments about the COO's report related to changes in how recruiting is going this year, noting that the number of out-of-state credential applicants has increased.

**G. Q&A on Written Finance Report**

Board members asked that the Finance Report and COO sync up hiring and vacancy data in the future for better clarity.

**H. Break**

No break was taken.

**III. Non-Action Items**

**A. Board Work and Advisory Committee Updates**

Boar president advised that the student board member application process is underway. Enrique Romero will partner to move the selection process forward.

Board president noted that the CIRAC and WASC committees have been combined. Board member Esther Hugo ensured that the board recalls the school's WASC goals and reviewed items that were discussed in the Fall CIRAC/WASC committee meeting.

**B. LCAP Mid-Year Update**

Board members had questions and comments about the LCAP Mid-Year Update on support for English Learners and parent engagement.

The board noted that the graduation rate metric in the LCAP Mid-Year Update was not in alignment with what was shared in the school report. This discrepancy is related to 5-year students and the language will be clarified so that there is no confusion.

The board was pleased by the progress to goals and appreciated the evidence documents supplied at the end of the LCAP

**IV. Action Items**

**A.**

### **School Accountability Report Card (SARC)**

Esther Hugo made a motion to Approve the MWA SARC.

Jessica Laughlin seconded the motion.

The board president noted that the data from the SARC is historical data.

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

### **B. Academic Calendar 2025-2026**

Janis Glover made a motion to Approve the Academic Calendar.

Amy Obinyan seconded the motion.

The board noted that MWA has more instructional days than required by the state and discussed an early orientation day for 5th and 9th graders.

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

### **C. Lemon Battery Agreement**

Jessica Laughlin made a motion to Approve the agreement with Lemon Battery.

Janis Glover seconded the motion.

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

## **V. Consent Action Items**

### **A. Vendor Invoices for November and December 2024**

Janis Glover made a motion to Accept vendor invoices for November and December 2024.

Esther Hugo seconded the motion.

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

### **B. Approve Minutes: October Board Meeting**

Janis Glover made a motion to approve the minutes from December Board Meeting on 12-16-24.

Esther Hugo seconded the motion.

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

#### **Roll Call**

Amy Obinyan	Aye
Esther Hugo	Aye
Enrique Romero	Aye
Jessica Laughlin	Aye
Alicia Malet Klein	Aye
Janis Glover	Aye
Margaret Watson	Absent

## **VI. Discussion Items**

### **A.**

### **Appreciations by the Board of Directors**

Board members recognized the ASB members' hard work in making substantive and engaging comments, as well as the work done by staff to prepare students for these presentations. The board also appreciated faculty and staff put into the students here and noted that the content of the meeting was evidence of progress on many fronts.

### **B. Schedule of Remaining Board of Directors Meetings for 2024-25**

- March 10, 2025 @ 4:00 pm
- May 5, 2025 @ 4:00 pm
- June 16, 2025 @ 11:00 am

## **VII. Closed Session**

### **A. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release**

Board members adjourned to a closed session conference on a confidential personnel matter pursuant to Section 54957.

## **VIII. 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 2:19 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Alicia Malet Klein