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Northwest Georgia Charter Academy

Minutes

Called Board Meeting

Date and Time

Tuesday February 10, 2026 at 9:00 AM

Location

Marriott Suites Downtown Hotel, 35 14th Street NE Atlanta, GA 30309

Directors Present

A. Lewis, C. Potts, E. Lamboy, J. Kinsey, J. Taylor, L. Cox, T. Lindsey, T. Williamson

Directors Absent

W. Salter

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

J. Taylor called a meeting of the board of directors of Northwest Georgia Charter Academy to order on Tuesday Feb 10, 2026 at 9:06 AM.

C. Opening Crew

Crew Statement to think about: "Both fear and faith ask you to believe in something that you can't see, the choice is up to you."

D. Approve Regular Board Meeting Minutes

T. Lindsey made a motion to approve the minutes from Regular Meeting on 12-15-25.
A. Lewis seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

E. Approve Executive Session Minutes

T. Lindsey made a motion to approve the minutes from Executive Session on 12-15-25.
A. Lewis seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

F. Meeting Norms

Cassie Potts read the meeting norms and Judy Taylor commented we assume positive intentions even when we come with different opinions, or our votes. That is important today.

II. Finance Committee

A. Finance Report

B. CSP Budget and Resolution

A. Lewis made a motion to Approve Attachment A for the CSP budget.
C. Potts seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

C. Paylocity

Discussed.

D. State Health Plan

Discussed.

E. Teacher Retirement System & Public School Employees Retirement System

Discussed.

F. Raptor Safety System

Discussed a cost increase. Covered with CSP money.

III. Governance

A. Policies 1st Reading

J. Kinsey made a motion to adopt policies D7, E2, G6, G7, G8, G9 on the 1st reading.
T. Lindsey seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

B. Policies on 2nd Reading

A. Lewis made a motion to Adopt policies A1, A2, A3, C2, C3 on the 2nd reading.

C. Potts seconded the motion.

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

C. Policies on Revision

C. Potts made a motion to accept D5 Enrollment policy as amended.

A. Lewis seconded the motion.

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

D. Governance Training Dates

Reminder that the Board members were in Atlanta for required new board training.

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IV. Operations Committee

A. MOU for Dillard Building

T. Lindsey made a motion to Approve amendment to Agenda to add the Dillard Building submission.

J. Kinsey seconded the motion.

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

C. Potts made a motion to submit Dillard building MOU to SCSC.

A. Lewis seconded the motion.

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

V. Other Business

A. Grade levels for opening year

Dr. Williams presented the scorecard and gate requirements for opening grades 6–8.

- The school did **not** pass **Gate 1 or Gate 2**:
 - Required **2.5 applications per seat** not met (rural context suggests 3.5).
 - Community interest is present but not strong enough to support 6–8.
 - Staffing expenses for a 6–8 model were not fully projected.
 - Academic, operational, and cultural risks increase significantly with a middle school launch.
- The original charter plan was **K–5 first**, adding one grade per year.

C. Potts made a motion to accept Dr. Williams recommendation to open with K-5 and continue with the plan to grow to K-12 adding a grade each year as stated in the contract with State Charter School Commission.

L. Cox seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

W. Salter	Absent
T. Williamson	Aye
C. Potts	Aye
T. Lindsey	Aye
A. Lewis	Aye
L. Cox	Aye
E. Lamboy	Aye
J. Kinsey	Aye
J. Taylor	Aye

VI. Closing Items

A. Closing Crew

The opening Crew quote was read again by Judy Taylor.

B. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,
J. Taylor