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Wonderful College Prep Academy

Minutes

September WCPA Board of Directors Meeting (Rescheduled)

Date and Time
Thursday September 3, 2026 at 5:00 PM

Location
Lost Hills Campus
14848 Lamberson Ave
Lost Hills, CA 93280
Room: College Center | Secondary Office

Location
Lost Hills Campus
14848 Lamberson Ave
Lost Hills, CA 93249
Room: College Center

Teleconference Location (Ed. Code § 47604.1)
Wonderful College Prep Academy (Delano Campus)
Room: Conference Room #1 (Main Campus Entrance)
2070 Veneto Street, Delano, CA 93215

Virtual Meeting Information:
https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86163514142?pwd=kgJsJsprlK3P1Oov8GBIRbPO96OpJr.1&from=addon
Meeting ID: 861 6351 4142
Passcode: 064640

Dial-in Information:
(669) 444-9171
Meeting ID: 861 6351 4142
Passcode: 064640

Directors Present
B. Perlado, D. Barreto, E. Unruh, E. Zamora, J. Aguilar, J. Loewer, M. Canales

Directors Absent
None

Guests Present
A. Bresson, B. DeFlitch, J. Aguilar, J. Vergara, L. Sanchez, M. Mejia, M. Romero, R. Navejas

I. Opening Items

A. Call the Meeting to Order

E. Unruh called a meeting of the board of directors of Wonderful College Prep Academy to order on Thursday Sep 3, 2026 at 5:35 PM.

B. Flag Salute

Board Member Ernie Unruh led in the flag salute.

C. Record Attendance

D. Changes to Agenda

There were no changes made to the agenda.

E. Public Comments

K. Rodarte, a Wasco parent of two WCPA-LH scholars expressed concerns regarding transportation logistics, including early bus pickup times, students arriving approximately one hour before the start of school, supervision during that time, and whether funding is available to support an additional bus.

The Board Chair Pro Tem Unruh requested that administration follow up on the concerns and provide the Board with an update on transportation logistics and funding needs, noting that charter schools do not receive dedicated funding for transportation services.

D. Barreto made a motion to move to Closed Session.
E. Zamora seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call
D. Barreto Aye

Roll Call

J. Aguilar Aye
M. Canales Aye
E. Zamora Aye
E. Unruh Aye
B. Perlado Aye

Board Member Canales stated that she would need to recuse herself from Agenda Items II-B & C due to a potential conflict of interest. Board Member Canales is an employee of The Wonderful Company, which is indirectly related to Educational Leasing LLC, a party to both lease agreements between The Wonderful Company and Wonderful College Prep Academy. Board Member Canales clarified that she did not participate in, negotiate, or otherwise have any involvement in the lease agreements.

II. Closed Session

A. Appeal of Student Record Challenge (Education Code section 35146 and 49070)

Member Canales left Closed Session at 6:21pm.

B. Conference with Real Property Negotiator; Gov't Code § 54956.8; Property: 2070 Veneto Street, Delano, CA 93215; Agency Negotiator: Chief Business Officer, Mike Romero; Negotiating Party: Educational Leasing LLC; Under Negotiation: Price and terms

C. Conference with Real Property Negotiator; Gov't Code § 54956.8; Property: 14848 Lamberson Ave, Lost Hills, CA 93249; Agency Negotiator: Chief Business Officer, Mike Romero; Negotiating Party: Educational Leasing LLC; Under Negotiation: Price and terms

Board of Directors returned from Closed Session at 6:31pm.

III. Open Session

A. Appeal of Student Record Challenge (Education Code section 35146 and 49070)

M. Canales made a motion to appeal the Student Record.
J. Aguilar seconded the motion.
Board Member Unruh reported that the Board of Directors reviewed the appeal for the Student Record Challenge. The Board of Directors voted in favor of the appeal to the Student Record Challenge.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

E. Unruh Aye
E. Zamora No
J. Aguilar Aye
D. Barreto No

Roll Call

B. Perlado Aye
M. Canales Aye

B. Conference with Real Property Negotiator; Gov't Code § 54956.8; Property: 2070 Veneto Street, Delano, CA 93215; Agency Negotiator: Chief Business Officer, Mike Romero; Negotiating Party: Educational Leasing LLC; Under Negotiation: Price and terms

E. Zamora made a motion to approve the lease agreement for the Delano Campus for the 2026-2036 school years.
D. Barreto seconded the motion.
Board Member Unruh reported that the Board of Directors reviewed the rent amount for the Delano property and made a finding that the rent is below fair market value. Board Member Unruh stated that the Board approved the lease agreement for the Delano campus for the 2026-36 school years.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

M. Canales Aye
E. Zamora Aye
E. Unruh Aye
D. Barreto Aye
B. Perlado Aye
J. Aguilar Aye

C. Conference with Real Property Negotiator; Gov't Code § 54956.8; Property: 14848 Lamberson Ave, Lost Hills, CA 93249; Agency Negotiator: Chief Business Officer, Mike Romero; Negotiating Party: Educational Leasing LLC; Under Negotiation: Price and terms

B. Perlado made a motion to approve the lease agreement for the Lost Hills campus for the 2026-2036 school year.
E. Zamora seconded the motion.
Board Member Unruh reported that the Board of Directors reviewed the rent amount for the Lost Hills property and made a finding that the rent is below fair market value. Board Member Unruh stated that the Board approved the lease agreement for the Lost Hills campus for the 2026-36 school years.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

E. Zamora Aye
B. Perlado Aye
E. Unruh Aye
D. Barreto Aye
M. Canales Aye
J. Aguilar Aye

IV. Regular Agenda

A. Information Item: Beginning of Year Kick-Off

The Primary and Secondary Principals provided an overview of ongoing initiatives focused on strengthening student culture, enhancing staff professionalism and development, and monitoring progress toward the Academy's strategic goals and desired outcomes.goals.

B. Action Item: Approval of Charitable Pledge Agreement No. 2026/27-01 and Agreement No. 2026/27-02 between The Wonderful Company and Wonderful College Prep Academy for the Career Pathways Program for Delano and Lost Hills

Board Member Canales stated that she would need to recuse herself from Agenda Item IV-B due to a potential conflict of interest. Board Member Canales is an employee of The Wonderful Company, a party to the Charitable Pledge Agreements between The Wonderful Company and Wonderful College Prep Academy. Board Member Canales clarified that she did not participate in, negotiate, or otherwise have any involvement in the agreements.

D. Barreto made a motion to approve Charitable Pledge Agreement No. 2026/27-01 and Agreement No. 2026/27-02 between The Wonderful Company and Wonderful College Prep Academy for the Career Pathways Program for Delano and Lost Hills.
E. Zamora seconded the motion.
Chief Business Officer Mike Romero presented the proposed charitable pledge agreements between Wonderful College Prep Academy (WCPA) and The Wonderful Company LLC (TWC) to support the Wonderful Career Pathways program. Under the agreements, TWC will provide annual donations to each school site for a ten-year term, with the program components and funding amounts subject to potential updates following the 2026–27 academic year in consultation with WCPA.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

B. Perlado	Aye
E. Zamora	Aye
J. Aguilar	Aye
D. Barreto	Aye
E. Unruh	Aye
M. Canales	Aye

C. Action Item: Appointment of Jim Loewer as Board Member and Chairperson of the Board

D. Barreto made a motion to appointment of Jim Loewer as Board Member and Chairperson of the Board.
B. Perlado seconded the motion.

Mr. Loewer has been with The Wonderful Company for over six years, serving as Chief Financial Officer of Wonderful Citrus in Delano, California. His broad financial and business experience, coupled with his leadership within The Wonderful Company, brings valuable expertise and perspective to WCPA. Mr. Loewer has expressed a strong interest in supporting WCPA and contributing his financial acumen, strategic insight, and leadership experience to advance the Academy's mission and continued success.

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

Roll Call

B. Perlado Aye
E. Zamora Aye
D. Barreto Aye
J. Aguilar Aye
M. Canales Aye
E. Unruh Aye

V. Regular Agenda - Business, Finance & Operations

A. Information Item: Monthly Business Report for July 2026 - Delano

Mr. Romero presented the updated monthly business report for the July 2026 Delano Campus.

B. Information Item: Monthly Business Report for July 2026 - Lost Hills

Mr. Romero presented the updated monthly business report for the July 2026 Lost Hills Campus.

C. Action Item: Approval of Unaudited Financial Statements (25-26) - Delano

M. Canales made a motion to approve the Approval of Unaudited Financial Statements (25-26) - Delano.
E. Zamora seconded the motion.
Mr. Romero presented the Unaudited Financial Statements that the Academy is required to file with the Kern County Superintendent of Schools (KCSOS) by September 15, 2026.

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

Roll Call

E. Unruh Aye
D. Barreto Aye
B. Perlado Aye
J. Aguilar Aye
J. Loewer Aye
E. Zamora Aye

Roll Call

M. Canales Aye

D. Action Item: Approval of Unaudited Financial Statements (25-26) - Lost Hills

D. Barreto made a motion to approve the Approval of Unaudited Financial Statements (25-26) - Lost Hills.

B. Perlado seconded the motion.

Mr. Romero presented the Unaudited Financial Statements that the Academy is required to file with the Kern County Superintendent of Schools (KCSOS) by September 15, 2026.

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

Roll Call

E. Unruh Aye
J. Loewer Aye
E. Zamora Aye
D. Barreto Aye
M. Canales Aye
B. Perlado Aye
J. Aguilar Aye

E. Action Item: Approval of Amended WCPA Fiscal Policies and Procedures

M. Canales made a motion to approve the Approval of Amended WCPA Fiscal Policies and Procedures.

E. Zamora seconded the motion.

Mr. Romero presented the proposed amendments to the Academy’s Fiscal Policies and Procedures for approval. The primary revision includes updates to the Pre-Approved Vendors List.

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

Roll Call

D. Barreto Aye
J. Aguilar Aye
B. Perlado Aye
M. Canales Aye
E. Zamora Aye
J. Loewer Aye
E. Unruh Aye

F. Action Item: Approval of Proposition 28 Arts and Music in Schools (AMS) Annual Expenditure Report - Delano

J. Loewer made a motion to approval of Proposition 28 Arts and Music in Schools (AMS) Annual Expenditure Report - Delano.

E. Zamora seconded the motion.

Mr. Romero presented an overview of Proposition 28: The Arts and Music in Schools (AMS) Funding Guarantee and Accountability Act and its requirements for the use of

AMS funds. The Board member noted that WCPA has robust K–12 arts programs; however, during the 2024–25 school year, no Proposition 28 funds were used for additional staffing, training, supplies, or materials while state spending guidelines were still being developed and updated.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

B. Perlado	Aye
M. Canales	Aye
J. Aguilar	Aye
J. Loewer	Aye
E. Zamora	Aye
D. Barreto	Aye
E. Unruh	Aye

G. Action Item: Approval of Proposition 28 Arts and Music in Schools (AMS) Annual Expenditure Report - Lost Hills

D. Barreto made a motion to approve the Approval of Proposition 28 Arts and Music in Schools (AMS) Annual Expenditure Report - Lost Hills.
M. Canales seconded the motion.
Mr. Romero presented an overview of Proposition 28: The Arts and Music in Schools (AMS) Funding Guarantee and Accountability Act and its requirements for the use of AMS funds. The Board member noted that WCPA has robust K–12 arts programs; however, during the 2024–25 school year, no Proposition 28 funds were used for additional staffing, training, supplies, or materials while state spending guidelines were still being developed and updated.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

M. Canales	Aye
E. Zamora	Aye
J. Aguilar	Aye
J. Loewer	Aye
B. Perlado	Aye
E. Unruh	Aye
D. Barreto	Aye

H. Action Item: Approval of Award of Fresh Baked Products Contract to Matt's Bakery

B. Perlado made a motion to approve the award of Fresh Baked Products Contract to Matt's Bakery.
M. Canales seconded the motion.
Mr. Romero presented competitive fresh baked products request for quotes for the 2026-27 school year. Staff recommends awarding the fresh baked products contract to Matt’s Bakery as the lowest priced responsible and responsive vendor. WCPA issued the enclosed Notice of Intent to Award on June 30, 2026.

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

Roll Call

J. Loewer Aye
D. Barreto Aye
B. Perlado Aye
M. Canales Aye
J. Aguilar Aye
E. Unruh Aye
E. Zamora Aye

I. Action Item: Ratification of purchase for Playground Equipment (Play & Park Structures) - Delano

D. Barreto made a motion to approve the Ratification of purchase for Playground Equipment (Play & Park Structures) - Delano.
M. Canales seconded the motion.
Mr. Romero presented the request to approve the ratification of the purchase from Play & Park Structures of Central Coast CA (“Play & Park”) for new playground equipment serving TK–1st grade students at the WCPA Delano campus. The project will provide a dedicated, age-appropriate outdoor play space to support student recreation and learning.

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

Roll Call

M. Canales Aye
B. Perlado Aye
J. Aguilar Aye
E. Unruh Aye
D. Barreto Aye
E. Zamora Aye
J. Loewer Aye

J. Action Item: Approval of Agreement No.2026/27-04 between WCPA and Contrarian Holdings for Self Funded Captive Agreement

J. Loewer made a motion to approval of Agreement No.2026/27-04 between WCPA and Contrarian Holdings for Self Funded Captive Agreement.
D. Barreto seconded the motion.
Mr. Romero presented the approval of the agreement with Contrarian Holding for a Self-Funded Captive Agreement as an added layer of protection against large claim expenditures, management recommends implementing an additional coverage through Pareto Health and participating in its Contrarian captive structure.

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

Roll Call

E. Unruh Aye
J. Loewer Aye
E. Zamora Aye
B. Perlado Aye
M. Canales Aye
J. Aguilar Aye
D. Barreto Aye

K. Action Item: Approval of Actual EPA Expenditures - Delano and Lost Hills

M. Canales made a motion to approval of Actual EPA Expenditures - Delano and Lost Hills.
J. Aguilar seconded the motion.
Mr. Romero presented the revision to the EPA expenditures for both Delano and Lost Hills for the 2025-26 school year. The changes had no fiscal impact on the WCPA budget as they were allocated to fund teacher salaries and benefits, a cost already factored in to the budget.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

M. Canales Aye
J. Loewer Aye
E. Unruh Aye
J. Aguilar Aye
D. Barreto Aye
B. Perlado Aye
E. Zamora Aye

VI. Regular Agenda: Policies and Compliance

A. Information Item: 2026 KCSOS Williams Act Visit - Delano and Lost Hills

Ms. Sanchez presented an update on the 2026-27 KCSOS Williams Act school site visits that occurred in August 2026. No findings were made from the visits to the Delano and Lost Hills campus.

B. Action Item: Approval of Resolution No. 2026/27-01 Authorizing the Submission of the Charter Renewal Petition for Wonderful College Prep Academy to the Kern County Board of Education

B. Perlado made a motion to approval of Resolution No. 2026/27-01 Authorizing the Submission of the Charter Renewal Petition for Wonderful College Prep Academy to the Kern County Board of Education.
M. Canales seconded the motion.

Ms. Sanchez presented a request for Board approval to submit Wonderful College Prep Academy (Delano)'s Charter Renewal Petition to the Kern County Board of Education. She noted that the Academy's current charter, last renewed in 2018 and subsequently extended pursuant to COVID-19-related statutory provisions, expires June 30, 2027, and that WCPA's designation as a middle-performing charter school makes the Academy eligible for a five-year renewal term.

The Renewal Petition incorporates legal updates since the prior renewal, evidence supporting the Academy's eligibility for renewal, and revisions reflecting WCPA's current programmatic, operational, and fiscal components. Approval of the resolution authorizes WCPA to submit the Renewal Petition to KCBOE and seek a five-year charter renewal term from July 1, 2027 through June 30, 2032.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

J. Aguilar	Aye
M. Canales	Aye
J. Loewer	Aye
D. Barreto	Aye
E. Zamora	Aye
E. Unruh	Aye
B. Perlado	Aye

VII. Communications

A. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Aguilar presented WCPA updates from the previous month.

B. Other Business

No other business was discussed.

VIII. Consent Agenda

A. Review and Approve: Minutes of Regular Board Meeting of July 27, 2026

M. Canales made a motion to approve the minutes from July WCPA Board of Directors Meeting (Rescheduled) on 07-27-26.
D. Barreto seconded the motion.
Consent Agenda Items VIII-A through VIII-D were approved in one motion as presented.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

D. Barreto	Aye
J. Aguilar	Aye
E. Zamora	Aye
J. Loewer	Aye

Roll Call

E. Unruh Aye
B. Perlado Aye
M. Canales Aye

B. Action Item: Ratification of Delano June & July 2026 Vendor Payments

M. Canales made a motion to approve Consent Agenda Items A through D as presented.
D. Barreto seconded the motion.
Consent Agenda Items VIII-A through VIII-D were approved in one motion as presented.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

J. Loewer Aye
B. Perlado Aye
M. Canales Aye
J. Aguilar Aye
E. Unruh Aye
E. Zamora Aye
D. Barreto Aye

C. Action Item: Ratification of Lost Hills June & July 2026 Vendor Payments

M. Canales made a motion to approve Consent Agenda Items A through D as presented.
D. Barreto seconded the motion.
Consent Agenda Items VIII-A through VIII-D were approved in one motion as presented.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

D. Barreto Aye
E. Zamora Aye
B. Perlado Aye
J. Aguilar Aye
E. Unruh Aye
M. Canales Aye
J. Loewer Aye

D. Action Item: Amended 2026-27 Board of Directors Meeting Calendar

M. Canales made a motion to approve Consent Agenda Items A through D as presented.
D. Barreto seconded the motion.
Consent Agenda Items VIII-A through VIII-D were approved in one motion as presented.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

B. Perlado Aye
J. Aguilar Aye
M. Canales Aye
E. Unruh Aye

Roll Call

D. Barreto Aye
J. Loewer Aye
E. Zamora Aye

IX. Board Comments

A. Board Comments

The Board asked the administration of WCPA a report at a subsequent meeting on a review of process and procedures related to student discipline, lesson plan scoring rubric, a report from the Transportation Department, an update regarding the Investment Savings Account, and a safety update in response to the recent school shooting incident at Independence High School and what WCPA is doing to support student and staff safety.

X. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

M. Canales made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
D. Barreto seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

E. Zamora Aye
B. Perlado Aye
D. Barreto Aye
E. Unruh Aye
M. Canales Aye
J. Aguilar Aye
J. Loewer Aye

CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY

I certify that I am the Board Secretary of Wonderful College Prep Academy, a California non-profit public benefit corporation; that these are the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Directors held on September 3, 2026.
There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 8:01 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
L. Sanchez