



Connecting Waters Charter Schools

CWCS Board of Directors Meeting

(A California Non-Profit Public Benefit Corporation)

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Date and Time

Thursday January 22, 2026 at 3:00 PM PST

Location

Connecting Waters Central Valley Resource Center, Board Room
2300 E. Briggsmore Ave. Modesto, CA 95355

Additional Teleconference Locations:

- Connecting Waters East Bay Resource Center, Room 2
703 C Street, Union City, CA 94587
- Connecting Waters Charter School Waterford Resource Center
12705 Bentley Street, Waterford, CA 95386
- Livestream link view only: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85271398615#success>

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Agenda

I. Opening Items

A. Call the Meeting to Order

- B.** Roll Call
- C.** Approval of the January 22, 2026, Board of Directors Agenda
- D.** Pledge of Allegiance
- E.** Hearing of the Public on Non-Agenda Items
- F.** Hearing of the Public on Agenda Items

II. Administrative Reports

- A.** California Dashboard Update & Mid-Year LCAP Update
- B.** Math Interventions - Presented by Debbie Kutz, Math Specialist

III. Directors' Reports

- A.** Executive Director's Report
- B.** Deputy Executive Director Spotlight

IV. Consent Items

All matters listed under the consent agenda are considered by the Board to be routine and will be approved/enacted by the Board in one motion in the form listed below. Unless specifically requested by a Board member to be removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion, there will be no discussion of these items prior to the Board voting on them. The Executive Director and Board Chair recommend approval of all consent agenda items.

- A.** Approval of Minutes - December 11, 2025, Regular Meeting
- B.** Approve Minutes from December 11, 2025, Special Meeting
- C.** Approval of New Hires List
 - Janet Vargas, School Secretary I
 - Emily Giraldes, Business Services/Vendor Relations Assistant II
 - Jordana Scheer, a-g Visual Arts Instructor

D. Approval of Separations

Charlotte Cripe, Classroom Aide / Site Assistant

Shoni Johnson, Curriculum & Accountability Director

E. Approval of the November 2025 Warrant Report from DMS for Connecting Waters Charter School

F. Approval of the November 2025 Warrant Report from DMS for Connecting Waters Charter School, East Bay

G. Approval of the November 2025 Warrant Report from DMS for Connecting Waters Charter School, Central Valley

H. Approval of the December 2025 Warrant Report from DMS for Connecting Waters Charter School

I. Approval of the December 2025 Warrant Report from DMS for Connecting Waters Charter School - East Bay

J. Approval of the December 2025 Warrant Report from DMS for Connecting Waters Charter School - Central Valley

K. Treasurer's Report for November - December 2025

L. Approval of Items on the Consent Agenda

V. Items Scheduled for Consideration and/or Action

A. Approval of the Accountability Report Card (SARC) 2024-2025 Data for Connecting Waters Charter School

B. Approval of the Accountability Report Card (SARC) 2024-2025 Data for Connecting Waters Charter School - East Bay

C. Approval of the Accountability Report Card (SARC) 2024-2025 Data for Connecting Waters Charter School - Central Valley

D. Approval of the 2025-2026 Governance Committee Meeting Schedule and Committee Directives

E. Approval of New Position: Re-Engagement Team Coordinator

F. Approval of New Position: Employee Relations Specialist

G. Approval of New Position: Curriculum Specialist

H. Approval of New Position: Accountability Coordinator

- I. Approval of New Policy: Student Behavioral Health Referral Protocols
- J. Approval of the Amended Board of Directors Meeting Dates 2025-26

VI. Items scheduled for Information & Discussion

- A. Second Read: Board of Director Meeting Dates for 2026-2027
- B. First Read: Comprehensive School Safety Plan for Connecting Waters Charter Schools (Waterford, East Bay and Central Valley)
- C. First Read: Connecting Waters Charter Schools Employee Handbook for 2026-2027
- D. Review: December 2025 Monthly Financials for Connecting Waters Charter Schools (Waterford, East Bay, and Central Valley)
- E. Review: Tiger Time Survey Results - Employees
- F. Review: Fall Canvas Survey Results - Parent / Students
- G. Board Remarks

VII. Hearing of the Public on Closed Session Items

VIII. Closed Session

- A. Threat to Public Services or Facilities
Discussion regarding: Tactical Response Plans for School Site Safety
Gov. Code 54957 and Ed. Code 32281
- B. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release
Gov. Code 54957
- C. Public Employee Performance Evaluation
Title: Executive Director
Gov. Code 54957

IX. Report on Closed Session Actions

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Gov. Code 54957 and Ed. Code 32281

B. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release

Gov. Code 54957

C. Public Employee Performance Evaluation

Title: Executive Director

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X. Return to Open Session

XI. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

LCAP/WASC Goals

1. Increase the percentage of students who are on track to graduate college and career-ready.
2. Close the achievement gap for low-performing students in English and Math.
3. Increase the percentage of EL students who achieve proficiency in English Language Arts and Math.
4. Foster positive relationships through community outreach.