



Connecting Waters Charter Schools

CWCS Board of Directors Meeting

(A California Non-Profit Public Benefit Corporation)

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Date and Time

Thursday September 24, 2026 at 3:00 PM PDT

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
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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1. Agendas are available to all audience members at the door to the meeting.
2. Members of the public may address the Board on agenda items or matters not listed on the agenda using one of the following methods:
 - In Person: Members of the public may address the Board by completing a "Request to Speak" form prior to the beginning of the meeting or before the agenda item is called. A person may designate a member of the public to speak on their behalf.
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 - In accordance with California's open meeting laws, the Board may receive public comment on non-agenda items but may not discuss or take action on those matters during the meeting.
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Agenda

I. Opening Items

- A.** Call the Meeting to Order
- B.** Roll Call
- C.** Approval of the September 24, 2026, Board of Directors Agenda
- D.** Pledge of Allegiance

II. Hearing of the Public on Non Agenda Items

III. Hearing of the Public on Agenda Items

IV. Academic Excellence

- A.** Executive Director Report

V. Consent Items

- A.** Approval of the Minutes for the August 27, 2026 Board of Directors Meeting
- B.** Approval of the Minutes from the August 28, 2026, Board of Directors Meeting
- C.** Approval of the New Hires
Cynthia Castro-Vargas, Site Assistant (as needed) - pending onboarding
- D.** Approval of the New Vendor Report
- E.** Approval of the Treasurer's Report for July - August
- F.** Approval of Items on the Consent Agenda

VI. Board Governance Items for Consideration and Action

- A.** Appointment of Connecting Waters Charter Schools Board of Directors Board Chair

- B.** Appointment of Connecting Waters Charter Schools Board of Directors Vice Chair
- C.** Appointment of Connecting Waters Charter Schools Board of Directors Secretary
- D.** Appointment of Connecting Waters Charter Schools Board of Directors Assistant Secretary
- E.** Approval of the Governance Oversight of Executive Direct Reports Policy

VII. Information and Discussion

- A.** First Read - Review the Updated Board Bylaws
- B.** First Read - Fiscal Policies Manual Annual Update
- C.** First Read - Independent Study Policy
- D.** 2nd Read - Re-Engagement / Truancy Policy
- E.** 2nd Read - Suspension and Expulsion Policy
- F.** 2nd Read Professional Boundaries Policy
- G.** 2nd Read - Volunteer, Visitation and Removal Policy
- H.** 2nd Read New Policy Extreme Weather Policy
- I.** 2nd Read of the Updated Board Governance Handbook
- J.** Review Board Member Job Description
- K.** Board Self Assessment Feedback Report
- L.** Board Remarks

The Board can share on events attended throughout the month. They can also use this time to suggest future agenda items

VIII. Hearing of the Public on Closed Session Items

IX. Closed Session

- A.** Public Employee Appointment
Title: Chief Business Officer (CBO)
Gov. Code 54957

B. Public Employee Appointment

Title: Executive Director

Gov. Code 54957

C. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release

Gov. Code 54957

X. Return to Open Session

XI. Report out of Closed Session

A. Public Employee Appointment

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XII. Board Governance Action Items

A. Approval of the Chief Business Officer Contract

B. Approval of the Executive Director Contract

XIII. 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.