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Connecting Waters Charter Schools

Minutes

CWCS Board of Directors Meeting

(A California Non-Profit Public Benefit Corporation)

Date and Time

Tuesday March 3, 2026 at 3:00 PM

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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Directors Present

E. Melton, J. Louie-Monzon, K. Corrales, K. Fatima, K. Martin, S. Welch

Directors Absent

L. Addipah

Directors who arrived after the meeting opened

K. Fatima

Guests Present

L. Joseph

I. Opening Items

A. Call the Meeting to Order

E. Melton called a meeting of the board of directors of Connecting Waters Charter Schools to order on Tuesday Mar 3, 2026 at 3:01 PM.

B. Roll Call

C. Approval of the March 3, 2026, Board of Directors Agenda

S. Welch made a motion to approve the March 3, 2026, Board of Directors Agenda.

K. Martin seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

S. Welch	Aye
K. Martin	Aye
E. Melton	Aye
J. Louie-Monzon	Aye
K. Corrales	Aye
L. Addipah	Absent

D. Pledge of Allegiance

Led By: Kristen Corrales

E. Hearing of the Public on Non-Agenda Items

No comments from the public

F. Hearing of the Public on Agenda Items

No comments from the public

II. Administrative Reports

A. Annual Special Education Department Report - Michelle Day, Special Education Director

The Special Education Director presented the annual department report, noting that overall enrollment has remained relatively stable this year, with only modest increases across the three schools. Staffing updates included the addition of in-house occupational therapists, a school psychologist, a resource specialist, and classified support to assist with IEP scheduling, reducing reliance on outside vendors while continuing to meet all required service needs. Enrollment and disability data were reviewed by site, with no significant shifts in primary disability categories and all identified student needs currently being served. Approximately 300 IEP meetings had been held as of January, reflecting the high volume of compliance and support activities. The board also received clarification on revocations of special education services and an overview of eligibility criteria for specific learning disabilities, including assessment processes and required discrepancy standards.

K. Fatima arrived at 3:10 PM.

III. Directors' Reports

A. Acting Executive Director Report

The Acting Executive Director presented her report, highlighting the recent all-staff meeting and professional development day, which focused on reconnecting staff to the school's mission, personalized learning model, and charter renewal efforts. She reviewed upcoming agenda items, including the alternative work schedule, grant updates, recruitment efforts for students and staff, open house events, upcoming CAASPP testing, and the onboarding process with Charter Impact. Updated enrollment trend data were provided in response to a prior board request. The board was also informed of ongoing hiring efforts, recent conference participation for legislative and networking updates, and the development of an acronyms reference document to support board clarity. The board expressed appreciation for the report's format and alignment with agenda action items.

IV. Consent Items

A. Approval of Minutes - February 17, 2026, Regular Meeting

K. Corrales made a motion to approve the minutes from CWCS Board of Directors Meeting on 02-17-26.

K. Martin seconded the motion.

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

B. Approval of Items on the Consent Agenda

K. Corrales made a motion to approve Items on the Consent Agenda.

K. Martin seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

K. Fatima Aye

J. Louie-Monzon Aye

Roll Call

K. Corrales	Aye
K. Martin	Aye
S. Welch	Aye
E. Melton	Aye
L. Addipah	Absent

V. Items Scheduled for Consideration and/or Action

A. Approval of the Alternative Work Week 9/80 Employee Schedule

K. Martin made a motion to approve the Pilot of Alternative Work Week 9/80 Employee Schedule through the end of the school year.

K. Corrales seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

J. Louie-Monzon	Aye
E. Melton	Aye
K. Corrales	Aye
S. Welch	No
L. Addipah	Absent
K. Fatima	Aye
K. Martin	Aye

B. Approval of the Connecting Waters Charter Schools Employee Handbook for 2026-2027

J. Louie-Monzon made a motion to Table Approval of the Connecting Waters Charter Schools Employee Handbook for 2026-2027 to the April 16, Board of Directors Meeting.

K. Corrales seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

K. Corrales	Aye
K. Martin	Aye
K. Fatima	Aye
J. Louie-Monzon	Aye
E. Melton	Aye
L. Addipah	Absent
S. Welch	Aye

C. Approval of the Amended Board of Directors Meeting Dates 2025-2026

K. Martin made a motion to Table to next meeting Approval of the Amended Board of Directors Meeting Dates 2025-2026.

K. Corrales seconded the motion.

The Board is being asked to move the June 11th regularly scheduled Board meeting to a different date in June. At this time the board is considering either June 22nd or June 23rd. The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

E. Melton	Aye
K. Martin	Aye
K. Corrales	Aye
S. Welch	Aye
K. Fatima	Aye
L. Addipah	Absent
J. Louie-Monzon	Aye

D. Approval of the Modification to the Expenditure Plan for the Arts, Music, and Instructional Materials Discretionary Block Grant for Connecting Waters Charter School

S. Welch made a motion to approve the Modification to the Expenditure Plan for the Arts, Music, and Instructional Materials Discretionary Block Grant for Connecting Waters Charter School.

K. Martin seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

L. Addipah	Absent
K. Fatima	Aye
S. Welch	Aye
J. Louie-Monzon	Aye
K. Corrales	Aye
K. Martin	Aye
E. Melton	Aye

E. Approval of the Modification to the Expenditure Plan for the Arts, Music, and Instructional Materials Discretionary Block Grant for Connecting Waters Charter School, East Bay

S. Welch made a motion to approve the Modification to the Expenditure Plan for the Arts, Music, and Instructional Materials Discretionary Block Grant for Connecting Waters Charter School, East Bay.

K. Martin seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

J. Louie-Monzon	Aye
E. Melton	Aye
L. Addipah	Absent
K. Fatima	Aye
S. Welch	Aye

Roll Call

K. Corrales Aye
K. Martin Aye

F. Approval of the Modification to the Expenditure Plan for the Arts, Music, and Instructional Materials Discretionary Block Grant for Connecting Waters Charter School, Central Valley

S. Welch made a motion to Approve the Modification to the Expenditure Plan for the Arts, Music, and Instructional Materials Discretionary Block Grant for Connecting Waters Charter School, Central Valley.

K. Martin seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

K. Corrales Aye
S. Welch Aye
K. Martin Aye
E. Melton Aye
L. Addipah Absent
J. Louie-Monzon Aye
K. Fatima Aye

VI. Items scheduled for Information & Discussion

A. Board Remarks

During Board Remarks, a board member shared reflections on attending the recent CCSA conference, describing it as informative and a valuable opportunity to connect with staff outside of the regular school setting. The member noted that the presentations provided meaningful insights and ideas that may be implemented at the school in the future. No additional board remarks were offered.

VII. Hearing of the Public on Closed Session Items

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No Comments from the public.

Entered closed session at 4:15 p.m.

VIII. Report on Closed Session Actions

A. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release

Nothing to report. return from closed session at 6:02 p.m.

IX. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

K. Corrales made a motion to A. Adjourn Meeting.

K. Martin seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

E. Melton Aye

K. Fatima Aye

K. Martin Aye

L. Addipah Absent

K. Corrales Aye

J. Louie-Monzon Aye

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 6:03 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

E. Melton

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.