APPROVED

Connecting Waters Charter Schools

Minutes

CWCS Board of Directors Training & Regular Meeting

Date and Time
Friday August 28, 2026 at 9:30 AM

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

Board Training will begin at 9:30 a.m. with the regular business meeting beginning at 1 p.m.

Agenda Posting Locations
This agenda was posted at least 72 hours prior to the meeting at the following locations: Connecting Waters Charter Schools, 12420 Bentley Street, Waterford, CA 95386; Connecting Waters Charter School Resource Center, 12705 Bentley Street, Waterford CA, 95386; Connecting Waters East Bay Resource Center, 703 C Street, Union City, CA 94587; Connecting Waters Central Valley Resource Center, 2300 E. Briggsmore Avenue, Modesto, CA 95355.

Instructions for Presentations to the Board by Parents and Citizens
Connecting Waters Charter Schools (“Schools”) welcomes your participation at the School’s Board meetings. The purpose of a public meeting of the Board of Directors (“Board”) is to

conduct the affairs of the Schools in public. Your participation assures us of continuing community interest in our Schools. To assist you in the ease of speaking/participating in our meetings, the following guidelines are provided:

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.
    - Written Comment: Written comments may be submitted online using the google form link located on the agenda no later than 4 hours before the start of the meeting. Written comments will be acknowledged by the Board Chair during the meeting and become part of the public record.
    - 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.
    - These presentations are limited to three (3) minutes and total time allotted to non-agenda items will not exceed fifteen (15) minutes. The Board may give direction to staff to respond to your concern or you may be offered the option of returning with a citizen-requested item. Complaints against specific school employees should be resolved through the school’s Personnel Complaint Procedure. The right to address the Board does not exempt the speaker from any potential liability for defamation.
    - The proceedings of the Board are recorded and are a part of the public record.
3. You may also complete a “Request to Speak” form to address the Board on Agenda items. With regard to such agenda items, you may specify that agenda item on your “Request to Speak” form and you will be given an opportunity to speak for up to three (3) minutes when the Board discusses that item.
4. When addressing the Board, speakers are requested to state their name and address from the podium and adhere to the time limits set forth.
5. A member of the public requiring a translator will be provided twice the allotted time for public comment per individual speaker in accordance with Section 54954.3 of the Government Code.
6. Any public records relating to an agenda item for an open session of the Board which are distributed to all, or a majority of all, of the Board members shall be available for public inspection at 12420 Bentley Street, Waterford, California

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Directors Present
E. Melton, J. Louie-Monzon, K. Martin

Directors Absent
K. Corrales, L. Addipah, S. Welch

Guests Present
A. DeMore, L. Joseph, T. Hushaw

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 Friday Aug 28, 2026 at 9:22 AM.
Due to no quorum was met, no official business was conducted.

B. Roll Call

C. Approval of the August 28, 2026, Board of Directors Agenda

This items was not approved due to there being no quorum

D. Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Erika Melton

II. Board Training

A. Governance Handbook, Protocols, and Self Assessment

The Board reviewed the Governance Handbook and identified several sections for content updates, clarification, consolidation, and removal of duplicative or overly detailed language. Discussion focused on clarifying the Board's shared purpose, meeting structure and public participation, expectations for preparation and communication, confidentiality, professionalism, voting and abstention, and Board decision-making. The Board also agreed that the handbook should be concise, practical, consistent with bylaws and applicable policies, and organized with clear headings, page numbers, and hyperlinks for ease of use. Staff will revise the identified sections and use AI-assisted review to check for duplication, consistency, clarity, and appropriate scope before bringing a cleaned-up version back for Board review.

III. Closed Session

A.

Public Employee Appointment

Title: Chief Business Officer (CBO)
Gov. Code 54957

This was not done due to not having quorum. This has been tabled to next month's (September 24, 2026) Board of Directors Meeting.

B. Public Employee Appointment

Title: Executive Director
Gov. Code 54957

This was not done due to not having quorum. This has been tabled to next month's (September 24, 2026) Board of Directors Meeting.

C. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release

Closed Session started at 12:00 p.m.

IV. Report out of Closed Session

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B. Public Employee Appointment

Title: Executive Director
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This was not done due to not having quorum. Postponed to next month's (September 24, 2026) Board of Directors Meeting

C. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release

Nothing to report out from Closed Session.

Returned from Closed Session at 12:48 p.m.

V. Information and Discussion

A. Review Bylaws

This was not done due to not having quorum. This has been tabled to next month's (September 24, 2026) Board of Directors Meeting.

VI. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 12:50 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.