

POLARIS

CHARTER ACADEMY

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BOARD MEETING MINUTES			
Date	December 15, 2025	Time	6:00pm
Location	2733 North Maplewood Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60647		
Board Members in Attendance		Board Members Absent	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Roel Vivit—Chair• Antonio Gonzalez—Vice Chair• Wendy Silva—Secretary & Parent Rep• Ayanna Berry• Sam Bottum• Bennett Brenton• Luis Polanco Rodriguez• Michelle Navarre—Ex Officio		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Yaa Boakye• Mike Davison—Treasurer	
School Staff in Attendance		Guests in Attendance	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Francesca Peck• Tammy Vance• Lissette Sanchez• John Lydon• Elizabeth Whiting		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• None	
Call to Order			
The meeting of the Board of Directors of Polaris Charter Academy was called to order by the Chair at 6:20pm . A quorum was established.			

AGENDA ITEM: Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes	
Discussion	The October meeting minutes were circulated prior to the meeting. Corrections noted: October 2nd changed to the 20th.
Motion	Antonio moved to approve the minutes with the corrections noted. Luis seconded the motion.
Vote	In Favor: Unanimous "Aye" Opposed: None Motion carried, and minutes approved.

AGENDA ITEM: Public Comments

Open space for public comment was provided. No one was present and public comments were neither presented at the meeting nor submitted in advance.

AGENDA ITEM: Vote on Governance Chair

Discussion	Roel introduced board member Luis Polanco Rodriguez as a candidate for Governance Committee Chair. Luis expressed gratitude for being considered.
Motion	There was a motion by Antonio to approve Luis Polanco Rodriguez as Governance Committee Chair. Ben seconded the motion.
Vote	In Favor: Unanimous "Aye" Opposed: None Motion carried, and Luis board membership approved.

AGENDA ITEM: State of the School Report

Discussion	<p>Presenter(s): Michelle Navarre, John Lydon, Francesca Peck</p> <p>Polaris Crew talk revisited the ISBE designation of Targeted. Polaris had its first CPS rigor walk that yielded promising results including the CPS request to present our strong practices at a CPS meeting in January.</p> <p>Our 20th day count was 340. This will be the floor for the full year student count. If there are more students in the Q3 10th day count we will get additional funds but if lower money will not be removed.</p> <p>Board members discussed the current funding model for elementary charters in CPS facilities and the enrollment concerns in our primary grades.</p> <p>Board discussed the Michael and Susan Dell Foundation grant opportunity to partner with Eduquate on a grant</p> <p>Roel discussed the possibility of Brinson Foundation coming for a visit to the school as a possible new connection.</p> <p>Shared our two new Daniel Murphy Scholars. It was recommended that the board write letters to the scholars. Luis will create a first draft of their letters after we send him their essays.</p>
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	Questions - Did the new cut scores on the IAR that came out in October help us. Discussed how our reading scores in both growth and attainment are out pacing students' math scores.
Motion	—
Vote	—

AGENDA ITEM: Development Committee Report

Discussion	<p>Presenter(s): Roel vivit</p> <p>Critical Concern that we are behind in our fundraising goal for the year. Concern that there are no leads in corporate giving and we are behind in our Events/Caregiving. There was discussion of how to push our end of year appeal.</p> <p>Discussion about if/when to move the Spring event. Potential Date of April 30th, 2026.</p>
Motion	—
Vote	—

AGENDA ITEM: Governance Committee Report

Discussion	<p>Presenter(s): Roel Vivit</p> <p>Critical issue of completing INCS board training. The board discussed ensuring all members have completed all of the annual INCS board trainings before year end.</p> <p>Also discussed the completion of FOIA and OMA training prior to 3/13.</p> <p>Board discussed needing to tap into their network to build a stronger board pipeline.</p>
Motion	—
Vote	—

AGENDA ITEM: Finance & Operations Committee Report

Discussion	<p>Presenter(s): Lissette Sanchez, Michelle Navarre</p> <p>Board reviewed the balance sheet and Budget vs. Actuals through November 30th.</p>
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	Board reviewed the Polaris Charter Academy <i>Bullying and Bias-Based Behavior Prevention Policy</i> . Discussion was had to ensure the policy contained all of the appropriate and legally necessary language as well as alignment to the mission of the school and proper training was provided for staff. Board determined no revisions were needed at this time.
Motion	—
Vote	—

CALL TO CLOSE	
Motion	There being no further business, Sam motioned to close the meeting. Antonio seconded.
Vote	In Favor: Unanimous "Aye" Opposed: None Motion carried, meeting adjourned at 8:20pm .

Date Approved: February 16, 2026