

# POLARIS

## CHARTER ACADEMY

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BOARD MEETING MINUTES			
<b>Date</b>	February 16, 2026	<b>Time</b>	6:30pm
<b>Location</b>	620 North Sawyer Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60624		
<b>Board Members in Attendance</b>		<b>Board Members Absent</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Roel Vivit—Chair</li><li>• Antonio Gonzalez—Vice Chair</li><li>• Ayanna Berry</li><li>• Sam Bottum</li><li>• Bennett Brenton</li><li>• Luis Polanco Rodriguez</li><li>• Michelle Navarre—Ex Officio</li></ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Yaa Boakye</li><li>• Mike Davison—Treasurer</li><li>• Wendy Silva—Secretary &amp; Parent Rep</li></ul>	
<b>School Staff in Attendance</b>		<b>Guests in Attendance</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Francesca Peck</li><li>• Lissette Sanchez</li><li>• John Lydon</li><li>• Elizabeth Whiting</li></ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• None</li></ul>	
<b>Call to Order</b>			
The meeting of the Board of Directors of Polaris Charter Academy was called to order by the Chair at <b>6:35pm</b> . A quorum was established.			
AGENDA ITEM: Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes			
<b>Discussion</b>	The <b>December</b> meeting minutes were circulated prior to the meeting. Roel Vivit named one change in the language of Luis's voting.		
<b>Motion</b>	Ayanna moved to approve the minutes with the recommended changed language. Sam seconded the motion.		
<b>Vote</b>	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: State of the School Report

<b>Discussion</b>	<p>Presenter(s): Michelle Navarre, John Lydon, Francesca Peck</p> <p>Francesca shared mid-year STAR assessment data sharing highlights in growth and proficiency in literacy and math. Focused on what is in place to drive results this year.</p> <p>Michelle shared enrollment information outlining the work the school is doing with Bloomwell to implement a comprehensive student recruitment plan.</p> <p>John shared information regarding current grant applications, as well as the information on progress in CSP expenditures. John also shared programmatic events including site visits and upcoming site seminars, and other ways Polaris is disseminating innovative best practices.</p> <p>Michelle provided an overview on CPS compliance data and mid-year data collection as well as the initial onsite CSP Grant Site Visit Audit and policy the board would be voting on; voting was paused until after the state of the school.</p> <p>Michelle shared school updates about various sitework opportunities students had engaged in recently and that there was an open invitation to current members of the Chicago Board of Education going out in the coming week to visit Polaris.</p>
<b>Motion</b>	—N/A
<b>Vote</b>	—N/A

### AGENDA ITEM: Vote on Child Abuse Policy

<b>Discussion</b>	<p>The board reviewed the policy and asked questions regarding training, and our ability to implement. All training outlined in the policy is currently standard operating procedure.</p>
<b>Motion</b>	<p>Sam moved to approve. Antonio seconded the motion.</p>
<b>Vote</b>	<p>In Favor: Unanimous "Aye"</p>

	Opposed: None Motion carried, and policy approved.
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**AGENDA ITEM: Development Committee Report**

<b>Discussion</b>	Presenter(s): Roel Vivit shared end of year giving totals and the major gift from the Perkins Malo Hunter Foundation contribution. Roel spoke with the board about the upcoming Celebration of Learning and encouraged the board to work on sponsorships, raffle items and promoting the event to get attendance up.
<b>Motion</b>	—N/A
<b>Vote</b>	—N/A

**AGENDA ITEM: Governance Committee Report**

<b>Discussion</b>	<p>Presenter(s): Luis spoke about plans to restructure the Board Google Classroom. Once finished hosting sessions on how to use it effectively. Luis also spoke regarding recruiting board members especially in the area of finance. Spoke about two potential board members and the next steps necessary to move them into the pipeline.</p> <p>Roel spoke about board training and compliance. He recognized the board for the successful completion of INCS board training. He then gave the board the deadline of 2/28/26 for FOIA and OMA training completion.</p>
<b>Motion</b>	—N/A
<b>Vote</b>	—N/A

**AGENDA ITEM: Finance & Operations Committee Report**

<b>Discussion</b>	Presenter(s): Lissette Sanchez presented the board finance summary which showed a deficit operating budget at this time. Staff discussed the need for new student technology. Board requested information on forecasting the budget through the end of the year.
<b>Motion</b>	—N/A
<b>Vote</b>	—N/A

**CALL TO CLOSE**

<b>Motion</b>	There being no further business, Sam motioned to close the meeting. Ben seconded.
<b>Vote</b>	In Favor: Unanimous "Aye" Opposed: None Motion carried, meeting adjourned at <b>8:31pm</b> .