POLARIS
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BOARD MEETING MINUTES			
Date	June 15, 2026	**Time**	6:30pm
Location	Polaris Charter Academy, 620 North Sawyer Avenue, Chicago, Illinois		

Board Members in Attendance	Board Members Absent
• Antonio Gonzalez—Vice Chair • Mike Davison—Treasurer • Ayanna Berry • Yaa Boakye • Sam Bottum • Montoya Lashley • Luis Polanco Rodriguez • Michelle Navarre—Ex Officio	• Roel Vivit—Chair • Wendy Silva—Secretary and Parent Rep • Bennett Brenton • Ryan Maxwell
School Staff in Attendance	**Guests in Attendance**
• Francesca Peck • John Lydon	• None

Call to Order

The meeting of the Board of Directors of Polaris Charter Academy was called to order by the Vice Chair at **6:38pm**. A quorum was established.

AGENDA ITEM: Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes	
Discussion	The **April** meeting minutes were circulated prior to the meeting. Corrections noted: None
Motion	Mike moved to approve the minutes as presented. Luis seconded the motion.
Vote	In Favor: Unanimous “Aye” Opposed: None Motion carried, and the minutes were 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: SY26-27 Board Calendar	
Discussion	Presenter(s): Antonio Gonzalez and Michelle Navarre Antonio shared the SY26-27 calendar with the Board with the Financial Committee meetings yet to be determined.
Motion	Sam moved to approve the SY26-27 Board Calendar. Luis seconded the motion.
Vote	In Favor: Unanimous “Aye” Opposed: None Motion carried, and the calendar was approved.

AGENDA ITEM: State of the School	
Discussion	Presenter(s): Michelle Navarre, Francesca Peck, and John Lydon Michelle and Francesca presented end-of-year academic performance data, highlighting continued growth in literacy and identifying instructional priorities for the 2026–2027 school year. Michelle shared updates related to charter renewal preparation, including ongoing efforts to strengthen special education programming, compliance practices, and student support systems. Michelle provided an enrollment update and reviewed current student enrollment, application trends, and recruitment efforts designed to support enrollment growth for the upcoming school year. John shared updates regarding grant opportunities and progress on strategic initiatives, including projects intended to support student access, learning environments, and organizational growth. Michelle and John provided an update on the school's rebranding initiative, including proposed logo concepts and stakeholder engagement efforts.

	John shared information regarding professional learning partnerships, site visits, and opportunities for Polaris to share innovative practices with other schools and educational organizations. Michelle provided an operational update, including compliance activities, audit preparation, and year-end reporting requirements. Francesca and Michelle highlighted recent student programming, including performing arts events, graduation activities, leadership traditions, and other end-of-year celebrations recognizing student achievement and community engagement.
Motion	-N/A
Vote	-N/A

AGENDA ITEM: Development Committee	
Discussion	Presenter(s): Michelle Navarre Michelle provided an update on development activities, including a review of the annual Benefit event, sponsorship efforts, and overall fundraising performance. The Board received an update on development priorities and future fundraising initiatives for the upcoming fiscal year.
Motion	-N/A
Vote	-N/A

AGENDA ITEM: Finance Committee	
Discussion	Presenter(s): Michelle Navarre Michelle provided an update on the school's financial position, year-end financial reporting, audit activities, and budget planning efforts. Leadership reviewed the proposed SY26-27 operating budget, including assumptions related to enrollment, staffing, programming, and strategic investments. Following discussion, the Board voted to approve the SY26-27 budget.

	The Committee also received updates on audit progress, compliance reporting requirements, and financial planning initiatives supporting student programming, transportation, facilities improvements, and organizational growth.
Motion	Ayanna moved to approve the SY26-27 budget. Montoya seconded the motion.
Vote	In Favor: Unanimous "Aye" Opposed: None

AGENDA ITEM: Governance Committee	
Discussion	Presenter(s): Luis Polanco Rodriguez Luis reminded the Board about training and compliance requirements and shared upcoming training opportunities. Luis requested that the Board complete the Board Contact Form to use to document and aid Board recruitment strategy.
Motion	-N/A
Vote	-N/A

CALL TO CLOSE	
Motion	There being no further business, Luis moved to adjourn the meeting. Ayanna seconded.
Vote	In Favor: Unanimous "Aye" Opposed: None Motion carried, meeting adjourned at **9:00pm**.