

**YouthBuild Philadelphia Charter School**  
**Board of Trustees Meeting**  
**October 3, 2025 | 9:00-11:00AM**  
**2309 N. Broad St.**

**Minutes**

**Present:** Kiley Smith Kelly (Chair), Charles Esser (Secretary), Whitney A. E. Arjun, Jared Farbman, Carneisha Kwashie, Zachary Vigneault, Chuck Esser, Darrell Davis, Maxwell Akuahmoah-Boateng, Ashley Pollard, Catie Wolfgang, Jon Smollen, Anthony Fullard

**Absent:** Scott Lillis (Treasurer)

**Staff:** Le'Yondo Dunn, Megan Gundogdu, Taylor Uyehara, Adesanya Karade, Preference Butler, Raenita Robinson

**Guests:** CSO Staff: Mariel Ziegler, Nellie Kollar

**Students:** Dashae Purnell, Dante Jenkins, Hope Justice, Jamaya Campbell, Benjamin Johnson

**Welcome, Opening Remarks, and Business Items (L. Dunn and K. Smith Kelly):**

- K. Smith Kelly and L. Dunn welcome attendees and guests, including representatives from the Charter School Office.
- **Motion by J. Farbman** to approve August minutes. **Motion seconded by J. Smollen. Motion unanimously approved.**
- T. Uyehara introduces CSI plan.
  - Plan reflects continued improvement strategies tied to graduation rate benchmarks
  - YouthBuild remains classified under CSI due to over-aged/under-credited student population
  - CSI designation provides approximately **\$75,000** in additional funding
- **Motion by M. Akuahmoah-Boateng** to approve CSI plan. **Motion seconded by J. Farbman. Motion unanimously approved.**
- **Motion by C. Esser** to amended April 29, 2025 minutes. **Motion seconded by A. Fullard. Motion unanimously approved.**
- **Motion by J. Smollen** to approve financials. **Motion seconded by M. Akuahmoah-Boateng. Motion unanimously approved.**
- **Motion by M. Akuahmoah-Boateng** to approve finance committee meeting minutes. **Motion seconded by J. Smollen.**

**CEO and School Updates (L. Dunn):**

- L. Dunn highlights a strong start to the school year. Annual YouthBuild March saw record participation. Positive press from Kristin Graham (Philadelphia Inquirer) – featured as a top story.
- L. Dunn discusses enrollment numbers. Budgeted: 280 students. Actual: 293 students.
- L. Dunn discusses daily attendance is up to 80%, compared to 60–65% last year.
- L. Dunn mentions potential partnerships with City Fund and Elevate 215 to support growth strategy.
- L. Dunn opens the floor for a student led discussion.

**Adjournment:**

- **Motion by A. Pollard** to adjourn meeting. **Motion J. Farbman. Motion unanimously approved.**