

YouthBuild Philadelphia Charter School
Board of Trustees Meeting
December 5, 2025 | 9:00-11:00AM
2309 N. Broad St., Philadelphia, PA 19133

Minutes

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

Absent: Scott Lillis (Treasurer), Zachary Vigneault, Darrell Davis

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

Students: Tijae Scott

Welcome and Opening Remarks (L. Dunn and K. Smith Kelly):

- K. Smith Kelly and L. Dunn open with welcoming remarks.
- L. Dunn introduces K. Yisrael as the CEO's Office Fellow.
- Attendees participate in connection before content.

Finance Updates

- J. Faberman provides updates on the audit results, noting the highest rating achieved.
- **Motion by A. Fullard** to approve FY25 draft audited statements. **Motion seconded by J. Smollen. Motion unanimously approved.**
- Discussion on the current fiscal year financials, with no significant issues raised.
- **Motion by A. Pollard** to approve current fiscal year financials. **Motion seconded by A. Fullard. Motion unanimously approved.**
- J. Faberman explains the details of the Rosenthal estate gift, including the potential amount and its impact on the organization's finances.
- Discussion on the options for using the Rosenthal estate gift, including paying down debt and creating an endowment.
- **Motion by A. Fullard** to approve CEO/CFO refinancing of Reinvestment Fund bridge loan and payoff. **Motion seconded by C. Esser. Motion unanimously approved.**

Development Updates

- L. Dunn provides an overview of FYTD contributed revenue. YouthBuild has seen a 103% increase in revenue.
- L. Dunn provides an update of the Fall Appeal campaign. The current campaign goal is to raise \$75,000 by January 31, 2026.
- L. Dunn introduces a Night For YouthBuild, a black tie, fundraising event that will take place on May 14, 2026.

Business Items

- **Motion by C. Esser** to approve October 2025 board meeting minutes. **Motion seconded by J Farbman. Motion unanimously approved.**
- **Motion by A. Fullard** to approve off-campus lunch policy. **Motion seconded by J Farbman. Motion unanimously approved.**
- Discussion about the benefits and risks of Youthbuild acquiring a property for academic purposes.
- **Motion by I. Lipman** to approve acquisition of property for building trades program. **J Farbman abstained. Motion not unanimously approved.**

Growth Proposal:

- L. Dunn opens with a discussion of growing YouthBuild to its full 400 seat charter through the introduction of an evening program in SY 26-27.
- T. Uyehara speaks about development of a high-level scope and sequence to launch the evening program by SY 2026–27
- Continued discussion regarding the potential benefits, risks, and overall student need for implementing an evening program.
- Introduced the idea of a student-led panel to share perspectives on how an evening program could positively impact their academic experience.
- A recommendation was presented to the Board to pursue an expansion model consisting of a 300-student daytime program and a 100-student evening program to increase access and better meet student needs.
- The Board authorized the Board Chair or designee to renegotiate the CEO’s contract for a three-year term, with final approval to take place at the February board meeting.
- **Motion by A. Fullard** to authorize growth strategy. **Motion seconded by M. Akuahmoah-Boateng. Motion unanimously approved.**
- The Board will also vote on the YouthBuild Board President successor at the February board meeting.

Adjournment:

- **Motion by A. Pollard** to adjourn meeting. **Motion seconded by A. Fullard. Motion unanimously approved.**