

YouthBuild Philadelphia Charter School
Board of Trustees Meeting
February 6, 2026 | 9:00-11:00AM
2309 N. Broad St.
Philadelphia, PA 19132

Minutes

Present: Kiley Smith Kelly (Chair), Charles Esser (Secretary), Whitney A. E. Arjun, Jared Farbman, Carneisha Kwashie, Chuck Esser, Darrell Davis, Ashley Pollard, Jon Smollen, Anthony Fullard, Ina Lipman

Absent: Catie Wolfgang, Maxwell Akuahmoah-Boateng, Zach Vinegault

Staff: Le'Yondo Dunn, Megan Gundogdu, Taylor Uyehara, Adesanya Karade, Raenita Robinson, Brian Sullivan, Kazmir Davis, Nicole Cooper, Charles Ware, Preference Butler

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

- K. Smith Kelly and L. Dunn welcome attendees with connection before content activity.
- L. Dunn highlights recent YB wins including:
 - Black male students attended the City's Office of Black Male Engagement and Empowerment summit.
 - Students participated in six recent college tours and campus visits.
 - Philadelphia Housing Authority has expressed interest in partnering with YB Philly to advance our social enterprise model and has indicated up to **\$250K** in potential support.
- **Motion by C. Esser** to approve December Board Meeting minutes. **Motion seconded by A. Fullard. Motion unanimously approved.**
- **Motion by J. Farbman** to approve the 26-27 SY calendar. **Motion seconded by I. Lipman. Motion unanimously approved.**
- **Motion by I. Lipman** to approve the 26-27 Board Meeting calendar. **Motion seconded by A. Fullard. Motion unanimously approved.**

CEO and School Updates (L. Dunn and T. Uyehara):

- T. Uyehara highlights YB is exiting CSI due to increasing graduation rates.
 - YouthBuild will be shifting down to A-TSI, a much less intensive designation + continue to submit annual plans, but significantly less oversight and no more additional funding
- L. Dunn introduces Charles Ware, Senior Director of Workforce Development & Organizational Initiatives and Nicole Cooper, Evening School Principal.
- T. Uyehara reviews the evening school task list ranging from: vision, design, staffing, logistics, and execution.

Finance Committee Updates (B. Sullivan, A. Karade and J. Farbman):

- J. Farbman and A. Karade review FY26 Budget Modification. **Motion by C. Esser** to approve FY26 Budget Modification. **Motion seconded by A. Fullard. Motion unanimously approved.**
- J. Farbman explains receipt of 5 million dollar estate gift in December 2025 from The **Rosenthal Estate**.
- **YouthBuild has opened a formal inquiry to regarding RACP loan.** Once a directional update

is received from the commonwealth, YouthBuild will payoff the RACP 1 loan.

- **Motion by C. Esser** to approve Finance Committee to pay off RACP 1 Loan with Rosenthal Estate gift. **Motion seconded by A. Fullard. Motion unanimously approved.**

Adjournment:

- **Motion by J. Farbman** to adjourn meeting. **Motion seconded I. Lipman. Motion unanimously approved.**