

**YouthBuild Philadelphia Charter School
Board of Trustees Retreat
April 17, 2026 | 8:30 AM-4:00 PM
30 S 15th St 4th Floor
Philadelphia, PA 19102**

Minutes

Present: Kiley Smith Kelly (Chair), Whitney A. E. Arjun (Vice Board Chair), Charles Esser (Secretary), Jared Farbman, Ashley Pollard, Jon Smollen, Ina Lipman, Catie B. Wolfgang, Darrell Davis, Maxwell Akuahmoah-Boateng

Absent: Zachary Vinegault, Carneisha Kwashie

Staff: Le'Yondo Dunn, Megan Gundogdu, Taylor Uyehara, Adesanya Karade, Raenita Robinson, Charles Ware, Preference Butler, Nicole Cooper, Maurisa Warren

Welcome + Business Items (K. Smith Kelly):

- **Motion by C. Esser** to approve February Board Meeting minutes. **Motion seconded by I. Lipman. Motion unanimously approved.**
- **Motion by K. Smith Kelly** to approve the revised 26-27 SY calendar. **Motion seconded by M. Akuahmoah-Boateng. Motion unanimously approved.**
- **Motion by J. Farbman** to approve Whiney Arjun as Board Chair (beginning July 1). **Motion seconded by A. Pollard. Motion unanimously approved.**

PHA Partnership (C.Ware):

- C. Ware facilitated a concept overview of a potential PHA partnership to create a social enterprise opportunity for the culinary workforce.
 - Ware presented a proposed timeline and key milestones, and outlined major phases of the work and startup costs.
 - Board, L. Dunn, and C.Ware discussed the backend operations for the proposed PHA partnership, including the lease agreement/MOU terms with PHA, educational opportunities for YB students, and staffing structure
- **Motion by C. Esser** to approve writing a 3-5 year lease/MOU agreement and negotiate with PHA. **Motion seconded by I. Lipman. Motion unanimously approved; J.Farbman abstained.**

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

- J. Farbman and A. Karade preview of proposed FY26-27 Budget Modification, including revenue, expenditures, and key assumptions. **Motion by J. Smollen** to approve FY26-27 Budget Modification. **Motion seconded by M. Akuahmoah-Boateng. Motion unanimously approved.**
- J. Farbman explains the **financial health update**, including reserves, cash flow, and risk.
- **Motion by J. Smollen** to approve Form 990. **Motion seconded by M. Akuahmoah-Boateng. Motion unanimously approved.**

Advancement Committee Updates (P. Butler):

- P. Butler reviews the YB fundraising year-to-date. **Motion by C. Esser** to approve FY26 Budget Modification. **Motion seconded by A. Pollard. Motion unanimously approved.**

- P. Butler gives an update for **YB's annual fundraiser (A Night For YouthBuild)**, including exceeding the fundraising goal.

Evening School Updates (N.Cooper):

- N. Cooper gives an evening school update, including staffing, logistics, and launch execution.

Adjournment:

- **Motion by A.Pollard** to adjourn the meeting. **Motion seconded by J.Smollen. Motion unanimously approved.**