

**YouthBuild Philadelphia Charter School
Board of Trustees Meeting
August 14, 2026 | 9:00 AM-10:15 AM
2309 North Broad Street
Philadelphia, PA 19132
Virtual Meeting via Zoom**

Minutes

Present: Whitney A. E. Arjun (Chair), Jared Farbman (Treasurer), Jon Smollen (Secretary), Ashley Pollard, Darrell Davis, Maxwell Akuahmoah-Boateng, Martin Brigham.

Absent: Carniesha Kwashie, Ina Lipman and Catie B. Wolfgang (Vice Board Chair).

Staff: Le'Yondo Dunn, Kazmir Davis, Nicole Cooper, Taylor Uyebara, Jonas Crenshaw, Lissette Goya, Adesanya Karade, Preference Butler, Raenita Robinson, Dave Thomas.

Welcome + Business Items (W. Arjun)

- L. Dunn opened the meeting by introducing new members of YBP's leadership team.
- W. Arjun opened her first meeting as YBP Board Chair by facilitating a "connection before content" activity. W. Arjun then noted that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order.
- **Motion by M. Akuahmoah-Boateng** to adopt the meeting agenda without change. **Motion seconded by M. Brigham.** No objections were heard and agenda was adopted.
- No corrections to Board's June meeting minutes were received and the minutes were approved.
- **Motion by J. Farbman** to approve the Student Handbook and the Employee Handbook. **Motion seconded by M. Brigham.** No objections were heard and the policies were approved.
- **Motion by J. Farbman** to approve updated Finance Policy. **Motion seconded by A. Pollard.** No objections were heard and the policy was approved.

CEO Update (L. Dunn)

- L. Dunn discussed the start of the new school year, including staff orientation, student orientation, the Acceptance March, and the first day of school.
- L. Dunn provided an update on YB's financial reserves and an update on the charter school renewal. The School District of Philadelphia Board will vote on YB's five-year charter renewal on August 20, 2026.
- L. Dunn provided updates on additional projects and organizational needs, including the PHA Ridge Avenue Café, Park Avenue properties, Scattergood housing project, and YB's additional space needs.

School Update (K. Davis and N. Cooper)

- K. Davis provided an overview of summer school leadership training, including planning and preparation for the new school year.
- K. Davis highlighted the completion of the Summer Bridge Program and shared student success stories.
- K. Davis provided an enrollment update and discussed the final push to close the remaining enrollment gap.
- N. Cooper provided an update on the evening program including outreach, enrollment, staffing and coordination efforts with the day program.

Governance Committee Updates

- J. Smollen and M. Akuahmoah-Boateng provided an update on the status of member terms, succession planning, member recruitment and the ongoing review of the Board's bylaws.

Advancement Committee Updates (P. Butler):

- P. Butler presented the FY27 Advancement Plan Roadmap, outlining a \$4.5M contributed revenue goal, with a stretch goal of \$4.8M.
- P. Butler provided an overview of the FY27 Board Campaign, which will launch on September 1, 2026, with a goal of \$25,000 and 100% Board participation. She highlighted the Board's \$49,500 contribution in FY26 and reviewed giving options and the November 1 deadline for gifts or pledges.
- P. Butler provided an overview of the upcoming 2027 Acceptance March, including plans for a kickoff celebration, the march to the School District of Philadelphia, and an acceptance ceremony. She encouraged Board members to participate and support the event.

Growth Committee Updates (A. Pollard):

- A. Pollard provided an update on committee membership as well as initial work to address the school's space needs which will be discussed at the upcoming Board meeting.

Adjournment (W. Arjun):

- Upon hearing no further questions or requests for new business, the Chair adjourned the meeting.