

Connections Public Charter School

Governing Board Minutes

April 15, 2026

Kress Building 3:15 pm

Call to Order: Ms. Wilbourn called the meeting to order at 3:38pm

Members Present: Damon Murphy, Christine Wilbourn, Nalu Tufui, Pam Thatcher, Clint Kolyer, Sherri Kolman (on phone)

Members Absent: Heather McDaniel, Romeo Garcia, Joanna Highstein

Guests: Cheryl Gravela

Recorder: Minutes for today's meeting are recorded by Mrs. Thatcher.

Public Comment: none

Approval of Agenda: Members reviewed the agenda for the April 20, 2026 meeting.

A motion was made by Ms. Kolman to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kolyer and was approved with consensus.

Approval of Minutes for March 25, 2026 meeting: Members reviewed the minutes from the meeting on March 25, 2026.

A motion was made by Mr. Kolyer to approve the March 25, 2026 minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Murphy and was approved with consensus.

Correspondence & Communication:

Mr. Murphy reported that two arbitrations with HSTA, previously discussed, are still ongoing.

Commission School Lead Report: None

Old Business: None

New Business:

Approval of New Substitute Teachers: None

Review of Governing Board Policies: The Volunteer Policy, last approved on October 10, 2016, was updated.

A motion was made by Ms. Tufui to approve the revised Volunteer Policy as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Murphy and was approved with consensus.

Operations Report:

Financial Officer's Report: Ms. Gravela provided the reports for February 2026 and March 2026. Notable items were addressed, including CSI funds. Members discussed the items.

A motion was made by Ms. Tufui to approve the February financial report as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kolyer and was approved with consensus. A motion was made by Ms. Kolman to approve the March financial report as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Tufui and was approved with consensus.

Ms. Gravela requested approval for payment of the 1-year contract that was presented last month for network management by Joel Thatcher LLC. The contract was selected as the best of 3 submitted and includes the Kress Building and Kaumana property. Contracts over \$10,000 require approval of the governing board.

A motion was made by Ms. Kolman to approve payment for the Network Managed Services Contract as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Tufui and was approved by majority vote. Mrs. Thatcher abstained.

Administrator's Report:

Current enrollment: 331

Federal Programs Report: Mrs. Thatcher presented information on TANF.

Student Achievement Report: Mrs. Thatcher presented preliminary Renaissance Star Assessment data.

Performance, Growth and Accreditation Initiatives Report: The Cognia application needs to be restarted. Mrs. Thatcher will work on this.

Administrators' Evaluations Report: Mr. Murphy reported that there have been platform issues involving logins that need to be worked out.

Other Items:

Mr. Murphy reported: Issues with contract renewal of emergency hires may be brought next month.

Next Meeting: May 20, 2026 at 3:15 pm.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 4:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Mr. Romeo Garcia

Connections Governing Board Chair