Connections Public Charter School

Governing Board Minutes

June 10, 2026

Kress Building 3:15 pm

Call to Order: Mr. Garcia called the meeting to order at 3:22 pm

Members Present: Damon Murphy, Christina Wilbourn, Nalu Tufui, Pam Thatcher, Heather McDaniel, Romeo Garcia

Members Absent: Joanna Highstein, Clint Kolyer, Sherri Kolman

Guests: Kathleen Booth

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

Public Input: none

Approval of Agenda: Members reviewed the agenda for June 10, 2026.
A motion was made by Ms. Wilbourn to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Thatcher and was approved with consensus.

Approval of Minutes for May 20, 2026 meeting: Members reviewed the minutes from the meeting on May 20, 2026.
A motion was made by Ms. Tufui to approve the May 20, 2026 minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Thatcher and was approved with consensus.

Correspondence & Communication: none

Commission School Lead Report: none

Old Business: none

New Business:

Approval of New Substitute Teachers: none

Review of Governing Board Policies: Ms. Wilbourn asked about a potential change in the Enrollment Application. Management will consider the change, as an operations issue.

SY 2026-2027 Calendar Change: Ms. Wilbourn reported that the date for mandatory active shooter training for all staff is tentatively Sept 18.

Governing Board Member Training: Mr. Murphy asked for confirmations for those who will attend the training on O'ahu on July 16.

Mr. Murphy reported that the Charter School Network Summit will be held July 17 on O'ahu, and asked for confirmations for those who will attend.

<u>**Operations Report**</u>**:**

Financial Officer's Report: The report for May 2026 was tabled until July's meeting.

<u>**Administrator's Report**</u>**:**

Current enrollment: 331

Federal Programs Report: Mrs. Thatcher reported that the Title IV application was approved and submitted. The new budget was based on the request of $35,000. The program offered $20,000. Management's decision is to decline the Title IV funds, citing unjustifiable workload. Alternative funds to support programs can come from TANF.

Student Achievement Report: Mrs. Thatcher reported Title I preliminary report shows growth, and that students are meeting goals in many areas.

Performance, Growth and Accreditation Initiatives Report: Mr. Murphy reported that Mrs. Thatcher will assist Mrs. Booth (incoming Title I Coordinator) in preparing the report, as part of their transition in this role.

Administrators' Evaluations Report: Mr. Thatcher and Mr. Murphy will present the report in July.

Other Items: Mr. Garcia discussed a change for the projected Board meeting date for July, to allow for members to attend the upcoming Board training, and Charter School Summit on Oahu on July 16 and 17. The new meeting date is July 22, 2026.

Personnel Matter: Mr. Murphy requested that the Board go into executive session to discuss a personnel matter.
A motion was made by Ms. Wilbourn to go into executive session at 4:17 to discuss a personnel matter. The motion was seconded by Mrs. McDaniel and was approved with consensus.
A motion was made by Mrs. McDaniel to go out of executive session at 4:21. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wilbourn and was approved with consensus. There was no action out of the executive session.
Emergency Hire Contract Renewals: Mr. Murphy requested that the Board go into executive session at 4:22 to discuss contract renewals.
A motion was made by Mrs. McDaniel to go into executive session at 4:22 to discuss Emergency Hire Contract Renewals. The motion was seconded by Ms. Tufui and was approved with consensus.
A motion was made by Mrs. McDaniel to go out of executive session at 4:32. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wilbourn and was approved with consensus.
A motion was made by Ms. Tufui to accept Mr. Murphy's list of recommendations for contract renewals for SY 26-27. The motion was seconded by Mrs. McDaniel and was approved by majority vote, with Ms. Wilbourn abstaining.

<u>**Next Meeting**</u>**: July 22, 2026 at 3:15 pm**.

<u>**Adjournment**</u>**: The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 pm.**

Respectfully submitted by:

Mr. Romeo Garcia, *Connections Governing Board Chair*