Connections Public Charter School

Governing Board Minutes

September 30, 2026

Kress Building 3:15 pm

Call to Order: Mr. Garcia called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm

Members Present: Damon Murphy, Kathy Booth, Heather McDaniel, Romeo Garcia, Clint Kolyer, Sherri Kolman, Nalu Tufui

Members Absent: Christina Wilbourn

Guests: Cheryl Gravela

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

Public Comment:

Approval of Agenda: *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 August 26, 2026 meeting: Members reviewed the minutes from the meeting on August 26, 2026.
A motion was made by Ms. Kolman to approve the August 26, 2026 minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Booth and was approved with consensus.

Correspondence & Communication:
Mr. Murphy reported on a settled UPW grievance that was reopened for interest on the settlement. The interest was awarded.
Mr. Murphy reported that an HSTA grievance was denied. We are not being asked to pay the arbitration.
Mr. Murphy presented a letter sent to the Attorney General regarding a requirement that is not included in our contract.

Commission School Lead Report: none

Continuing Business:

Seating of Administrative Representative for SY 2026-2027: Members discussed the option of Ms. Gravela in that role.
A motion was made by Ms. Tufui to seat Ms. Gravela as Administrative Representative, requiring that Ms. Gravela will abstain from any votes on financial or labor related matters. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kolyer and was approved with consensus.
Members will continue to invite an additional representative for either the parent role group or community role group.

SY 26-27 Calendar Change: Mr. Murphy presented a proposed change to the calendar previously approved tentatively, with a confirmed date for Active Threat Training for Staff, scheduled for October 23, and requested early dismissal of students that day to allow for all staff to attend.
A motion was made by Mrs. McDaniel to approve a change to the SY 26-27 calendar, to provide for early dismissal of students at 12:35 and 12:45 on Friday, October 23, 2026, so that all staff can attend the Active Threat Training from 1:00 to 3:30. The motion was seconded by Ms. Kolman and was approved with consensus.

New Business:

Approval of New Substitute Teachers: Mr. Murphy presented the names of the following three people, pending background checks: Brian Rule (cleared), Sandy Bonk, Cora Johnson.
A motion was made by Mrs. McDaniel to approve three new additions to the list of substitute teachers, pending background checks. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Booth and was approved with consensus.

Review of Governing Board Policies: Mrs. Booth presented a revision of the Parent Engagement Policy, aligned with Title I requirements.
A motion was made by Mr. Kolyer to approve the revision of the policy. The motion was seconded by Ms. Tufui and was approved with consensus.

Operations Report:

Financial Officer's Report: Financial documents have been reviewed by Ms. Tufui. Ms. Gravela provided the Operations Statements for August, and addressed notable items. Members discussed the Operations Statement. CSI funds were carried over. There were no income items this month.
A motion was made by Ms. Kolman to approve the Financial Statements for August, 2026. The motion was seconded by Mrs. McDaniel, and was approved with majority vote, with Ms Gravela abstaining.

List of Common Expenses was provided and discussed.
A motion was made by Ms. Kolamn to approve the List of Common Expenses. The motion was seconded by Mrs. McDaniel, and was approved with majority vote with Ms. Gravela abstaining.

Administrator's Report:

Current enrollment: 312
Mr. Murphy reported several students are still in transition.

Federal Programs Report: Mrs. Booth reported Title I quarterly reports are being submitted this week.

Student Achievement Report: Mrs. Booth provided the Strive HI report. Members discussed the data. She will provide the iREADY report at the next meeting.

Performance, Growth and Accreditation Initiatives Report: Mr. Murphy reported that the application has been submitted to Cognia.

<u>Administrators' Evaluations Report</u>: Mr. Garcia provided the evaluation for Mr. Murphy. There is a copy available for Board review in Mr. Murphy's file.

A motion was made by Ms. Tufui to accept the Administrator's Evaluation for Mr. Murphy, presented by Mr. Garcia. The motion was seconded by Ms. Kolman and was approved with consensus.

<u>SY 2026-2027 Staff Recommendations List Revision:</u> Mr. Murphy provided the revised list.
Mrs. McDaniel made a motion to go into executive session at 4:50 pm to discuss the staff list. The motion was seconded by Ms. Kolman and was approved with consensus.
Mr. Kolyer left the meeting at 4:55pm.
A motion was made by Ms. Kolman to go out of executive session at 5:05pm. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Booth and was approved with consensus.
A motion was made by Ms. Tufui to approve the SY 26-27 Staff Recommendations List Revision. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Booth and was approved with majority vote, with Ms. Gravela abstaining.

<u>Next Meeting</u>: October 21, 2026 at 3:15 pm.

<u>Adjournment</u>: The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Mr. Romeo Garcia

Connections Governing Board Chair