

Minutes
May 29, 2025, Regular Meeting
UChicago Charter School Board of Directors
NKO Campus 1119 E 46th Street at 5:00 pm
In-Person

Attendees

Board of Directors Members attending in person: D. Gorman-Smith, K. Kinzler, C. Mitchell, K. Y. Lee

Absent Board Members: P. Zigler

Also in attendance: J. Furman, G. Long, A. Hull, A. Sergeant, T. Island-Childress, C. Ragin

- I. **Welcome:** Board President D. Gorman-Smith welcomed everyone and opened the meeting.
- II. **Minutes:** D. Gorman-Smith called for a motion to approve the May 29, 2025, minutes of the UCCS Regular Board Meeting. K. Y. Lee made a motion to approve, and C. Mitchell seconded. All approved.
- III. **Public Participation:** No public participation.
- IV. **Financial Report and FY26 Budget Update:** A. Hull presented the financial report and FY26 budget, which will be voted on at the June meeting. FY25 shows UCCS on target to meet budget and enrollment goals. CPS revenue increased for FY25 and FY26. The budget is due at the end of the month to the University and due at the end of June to CPS.
- V. **CEO Report:** T. Island-Childress presented the CEO report, highlighting the steps UCCS will take to address academic growth in K-8. This includes the full implementation of the Zearn math curriculum across grades K-8, extending ELA and Math blocks for 6th grade, a targeted professional development series for teachers, and a new network-wide teacher coaching model. The board also discussed current teacher licensure rates and options to support unlicensed teachers.

G. Long presented the current enrollment numbers and strategies for SY26. Across grade levels, UCCS is on target for enrollment, except in Kindergarten and 1st grade, which aligns with trends across Chicago. No new students were admitted in 10th, 11th, and 12th grades. UCCS will increase its media and print advertising campaigns to support enrollment for SY27.

C. Ragin presented findings from SY24 Operational Scorecards and identified two areas to dispute due to incorrect CPS data.
- VI. **Executive Session:** C. Mitchell made a motion to hold a closed executive session to consider the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of a specific employee of the UChicago Charter School pursuant to Section 2(c)(1) of the Open Meeting Act. K. Lee seconded the motion.

VII. Adjourn: D. Gorman-Smith adjourned the meeting at 6:35pm