

Minutes
University of Chicago Charter School Corporation Board of Directors
Thursday, February 19, 2026 from 5:00 - 6:30pm
In Person
UCW Campus, 6300 S University Ave.

Attendees

In Person Board Members: D. Gorman-Smith, K. Kinzler, N. Grover, K. Lee, M. Zepeda

Also in attendance: A. Sergeant, A. Hull, C. Ragin, J. Furman; A. Thomas; L. Hill, E. Robinson, T. Turks

School Directors: D. Benton, E. Hughes, S. Woods

- I. **Welcome:** D. Gorman-Smith opened the meeting, welcoming everyone, and introduced the new board member, M. Zepeda.
- II. **Minutes:** D. Gorman-Smith called for a motion to approve the January 22nd, 2025 minutes of the UCCS Regular Board Meeting. K. Lee moved, K. Kinzler seconded, and all approved.
- III. **Public Participation:** None.
- IV. **Board Elections:** D. Gorman-Smith introduced the slate of candidates for the board, including D. Gorman-Smith as President, K. Kinzler as Vice President, K. Lee as Treasurer, and N. Grover as Secretary. D. Gorman-Smith called for a vote, and all approved.
- V. **UCCS Bullying Policy Vote:** C. Ragin presented the changes to the UCCS bullying policy as required by ISBE. D. Gorman-Smith called for a motion, M. Zepeda motioned, K. Kinzler seconded; all approved.
- VI. **Black Student Success Plan: CPS Presentation:** A. Sergeant introduced the CPS guest speaker, Eugene Robinson, and the Black Student Success Plan. E. Robinson reviewed key components of the plan, including the mission to bridge the academic gap for black students in CPS schools, aligned to CPS's 5-year Strategic Plan, and increased student voice in education. E. Robinson asked the board to consider what resources are needed from CPS to help execute the vision.
- V. **UCW Math Support:** A. Sergeant presented an update for the UCW Math support plan around the creation of WIN Blocks in Middle and High School. If feasible, UCW High School would create the WIN block for 9-10th-grade students in need of intensive math support. A. Sergeant presented two options for the high school's schedule modifications to accommodate the additional class. D. Benton presented the middle school WIN Block proposal for 6th-8th-grade students. The board discussed the factors to consider in making these proposals a reality, including staffing, cost, student selection, and progress monitoring. D. Gorman-Smith asked to see the tiered student data, including bubble students versus those who are severely behind.

- VI. Finance Report:** A. Hull presented the January budget actual report; UCCS is on track to meet or exceed the budget with positive revenue and no negative expenses. Unused funds will be allocated to facilities upkeep and repairs for the UCW campus. D. Gorman-Smith asked for an update on enrollment for the next board meeting.
- VII. Executive Session:** K. Kinzler 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. The board invited Angelique Thomas and Jim Furman to stay for the executive session. D. Gorman-Smith seconded the motion. All approved.
- VIII. Adjourn:** D. Gorman-Smith adjourned the meeting at 6:40pm.