

Minutes
University of Chicago Charter School Corporation Board of Directors
Thursday, November 13, 2025 from 5:00 - 6:30pm
In Person
Donoghue Campus, 707 E 37th Street, Room (Library)

Attendees

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

Absent Board Members: K. Lee

Also in attendance: A. Sergeant, A. Hull, T. Pajakowski, C. Ragin

School Directors: D. Gordon, D. Benton

- I. **Welcome:** D. Gorman-Smith welcomed everyone and opened the meeting.
- II. **Minutes:** D. Gorman-Smith called for a motion to approve the September 25, 2025 minutes of the UCCS Regular Board Meeting. K. Kinzler moved, seconded by N. Grover, and all approved.
- III. **Public Participation:** None.
- IV. **Board Elections:** D. Gorman Smith deferred board elections until further conversation with the university.
- V. **CEO Report:** A. Sergeant reviewed the main components of the State of Schools presentation, including the current ISBE school designations, and ELA and Math proficiency and growth rates. UCCS elementary schools showed consistent growth in ELA and math proficiency rates. The board discussed ways to increase math proficiency at UCW Middle and High School through hiring an instructional math coach, prioritizing MTSS and curriculum professional development, increasing the partnership with Neighborhood Schools, and the potential creation of WIN intervention blocks. K. Kinzler asked what some causal factors are for the decrease in proficiency between 5th and 6th grades, and the board discussed how teachers are currently responding to data.

A. Sergeant presented current data on absentee and attendance rates across UCCS. The board reviewed UCCS's progress towards the SY26 Priorities laid out in the CEO Report from August.
- VI. **Charter Renewal Update:** A. Sergeant reviewed the highlights and feedback given from the State of Schools Presentation on November 5th. C. Ragin updated the board on the current charter renewal process and anticipated timelines for CPS board participation and votes.
- VII. **Finance Report:** A. Hull presented UCCS' current finances. FY25 audit is complete with an unqualified, clean audit result. The federal portion of the audit is still pending because of the government shutdown, but it is complete and ready to submit. The

audit is posted for public view on the charter website. UCCS is expected to exceed all CPS financial standards this year.

VIII. Adjourn: D. Gorman-Smith adjourned the meeting at 6:22.