

**Minutes**  
**September 26, 2024 Regular Meeting**  
**UChicago Charter School Board of Directors**  
**Woodlawn Campus 6300 S University Avenue at 5:00 p.m.**  
**In-Person**

**Attendees**

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

K. Yee Lee departed at 5:46pm.

Also in attendance: T. Island Childress, A. Sergeant, J. Furman, A. Hull, T. Pajakowski, A. Anderson, D. Gordon, S. Woods, E. Hughes

- I. **Welcome:** The Interim President welcomed everyone and introduced the new board member K. Kinzler.
- II. **Minutes:** D. Gorman-Smith made a motion to approve the June 6, 2024 minutes for the UCCS Regular Board Meeting, C. Mitchell seconded, and all approved.
- III. **Public Participation:** Michelle Bonsu attended the meeting as an observer, she currently has a student in UCCS.
- IV. **Enrollment Report:** UCCS is on track with enrollment. Woodlawn is below the target for the February deadline. Max enrollment for Woodlawn was modified due to the reality of the building space. Special Education accommodations constrain the flexibility of classrooms and resources at Woodlawn.  
  
The board discussed increasing Pre-K enrollment along with general student and teacher recruitment. Currently, there is an open and posted position for Recruitment Coordinator. Board discussed the rising number of Special Education students across all schools and the need to find SpEd teachers. UCCS is partnering with Relay Graduate School of Education to help certify and train teachers in SpEd.
- V. **Campus Report:** Tanika Island-Childress presented the mission of UCCS schools and ongoing integration with the community. The board viewed the UCW Field Video. Opening Ceremony will take place at UCW on October 24<sup>th</sup> during the school's pep rally, an open invitation to all.

Spring 2024 IAR data was reviewed along with annual academic growth goals for ELA and Math. Illinois state-wide data has not returned to pre-pandemic averages. The board discussed foundational skills students are missing and ways to support teacher growth in teaching. The board was introduced to the Accelerate Framework as a method of promoting academic and cultural growth in schools. Each school presented its goals aligned with "Black Belt Teaching."

NKO: 24-25SY focus is on weekly coaching, MTSS, and teacher evaluations. The board discussed using UTEP to support coaching goals.

Donoghue: 24-25SY focus is on MTSS pullouts, Professional Development centered on teaching strategies, and teacher evaluations.

UCW Middle: 24-25SY focus is on lesson plan feedback, Professional Development centered on data literacy and response, weekly coaching, and teacher evaluations. UCW is also implementing weekly after-school tutoring sessions on Wednesdays. The Board discussed the impact of teacher vacancies on core subject areas.

UCW High: 24-25SY focus is on weekly instructional coaching, fidelity around curriculum implementation, MTSS, and teacher evaluations. After-school office hours have been implemented to help students with test readiness skills. ACT prep courses will be available to the current Junior class. The board voiced growth in the High School culture.

- VI. Financial Report:** The audit is ongoing; results should be published by the end of the month. UCCS is projected to meet all CPS financial requirements for the year. Due to changes in CPS's funding model, a surplus was sent back to the University. UCCS is on track with enrollment numbers and budget allotment. The final numbers will be ready by the next board meeting.
- VII. Safety and Security Report:** 300 individuals came to the new field for the first UCW football game. UCW is anticipating larger crowds with upcoming games. The board discussed solutions to deal with the bathroom issues.
- VIII. Adjourn:** D. Gorman-Smith made a motion to adjourn, seconded by C. Mitchell, all approved. The meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.