

**Minutes**  
**April 1, 2025, Regular Meeting**  
**UChicago Charter School Board of Directors**  
**April 1 at 5:00 pm**  
**In-Person**

**Attendees**

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

Also in attendance: T. Island-Childress, A. Hull, A. Sergeant, J. Sweet, J. Furman, 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 January 23, 2025, minutes of the UCCS Regular Board Meeting. C. Mitchell made a motion to approve, and P. Ziegler seconded. All approved.
- III. **Public Participation:** No public participation.
- IV. **Board Calendar and UCCS 25-26SY Calendar:** T. Island-Childress shared the proposed 25-26 UCCS school calendar. D. Gorman-Smith called for a motion to approve the 2025-2026 academic calendar. P. Ziegler made a motion to approve, and C. Mitchell seconded, all approved.
- V. **Strategic Planning Subgroup Data Report:** The board reviewed the academic performance of UCCS and a group of selected benchmark schools. Data show that fewer than 40% of students are meeting grade levels in math and reading across the CPS system in most of the demographically comparable, nonselective enrollment public schools. UCCS is outperforming many of these schools in grades 3-5. Middle school is the biggest opportunity for academic growth. The board also discussed college-ready benchmarks, graduation, and college attendance/completion. Based on the findings of the benchmarking analysis, the board considered possible opportunities and next steps related to teacher quality and development, instructional models, curriculum, consistency across the campuses, middle school design, and creating a new internal college readiness metric that can be tracked starting in grade 5.
- VI. **Financial Review:** A. Hull presented the second-semester UCCS budget. UCCS is on track financially and is expected to receive additional CPS funding. Enrollment is on target with a small, predicted drop at the UCW campus. Budget planning for the 2025-2026 school year is underway. UCCS anticipates a small increase in CPS funding for the 25-26 school year.
- VII. **Executive Session:** No executive session was held.
- VIII. **Adjourn:** D. Gorman-Smith adjourned the meeting at 6:34 pm.