

Minutes
University of Chicago Charter School Corporation Board of Directors
Thursday, July 2, 2026
2:00 p.m.
In Person + Zoom
Office of Civic Engagement (1st Floor)
Edward Levi Hall
5801 S. Ellis Ave. Chicago, IL 60637

Attendees

In Person Board Members: Deb Gorman-Smith, Mario Zepeda Moreno, Naamah, Ka Yee Lee
Via Zoom: Katherine Kinzler

Absent Board Members: None

Also in attendance: Jim Furman

- I. Welcome:** D. Gorman-Smith welcomed board members to the special meeting.
- II. Public Participation:** None
- III. Amend UCCS Bylaws:**

D. Gorman-Smith provided an overview of a recent meeting with Chicago Public Schools regarding renewal conditions and terms. The board will be thoughtful about staggering terms moving forward and will determine individual board member terms between now and August 1. Other renewal conditions relate to special education, English language learners, teacher licensure, and facilities deficiencies.

K.Y. Lee moved to adopt the resolution to amend the bylaws. N. Grover seconded the motion. All board members voted in favor.

- V. Approve Change of Registered Agent:**

M. Moreno Zepeda moved to adopt the resolution approving the change of registered agent. K.Y. Lee seconded the motion. All board members voted in favor.

- VI. New Business**

D. Gorman-Smith raised the recent vacancy created by the resignation of the UCW High School Director. D. Gorman-Smith shared that CEO Aneesa Sergeant has recommended the appointment of an Interim Director for the 2026-27 school year, with a formal search to begin in January 2027. J. Furman provided additional detail regarding the possible appointment and supports that would be in place. N. Grover spoke to her direct experience at UCW and emphasized the importance of rapport with students, staff, and families. D. Gorman-Smith noted that the appointment of an interim director would

provide important stability during the leadership transition. The board discussed the matter in further detail and expressed unanimous agreement with the CEO's recommendation, indicated support for the CEO to proceed accordingly, and recommended that a formal search begin in January 2027.

VII. Adjourn: 2:23 p.m.