



**Social Justice Public Charter School
Board of Trustees Meeting
March 18, 2026
Virtual**

Board Members Present: Caitlin Campbell-Hahn (CCH), Yinnie Tse (YT), Tiffany Gillis Brown (TGB), Joel Smith-Goering (JSG), Shannon Hodge (SH), Chaia Morgan (CM), Joseph Speight (JS), Marcus Dantley (MD)

Board Members Absent: Shannon Wright (SW)

Staff Members Present: Myron Long (ML), Executive Director

Guests Present: N/A

A. Meeting Opening: Roll Call; Establishment of Quorum; Call to Order

YT called the meeting to order at 6:07pm and established a quorum with 6 board members present. YT shared that we will be shifting some voting items on the agenda due to some board members needing to leave early.

B. Approval of OSSE Credit Enhancement

JSG shared more information about the proposed \$1M credit enhancement with OSSE. This could be used toward rent after the security deposit in the event of an unforeseen inability to make a rent payment, and only kicks in if we need it. There is an annual interest charge of at least 1% annually. Board members asked some clarifying questions about the credit enhancement.

YT asked for a vote to authorize ML to apply for the OSSE credit enhancement. CM made the motion and SH seconded it. The motion passed unanimously with no abstentions (MD was not present for this vote).

C. Approval of ASPIRE adoption

TGB reminded board members about the SPC's recommendation that SJS adopt the ASPIRE framework and the rationale for this recommendation. TGB moved to approve Social Justice School's adoption of the ASPIRE framework. CCH seconded the motion. YT took a roll call vote and the motion carried unanimously with no abstentions (MD was not present for this vote).

D. Approval of January Meeting Minutes

YT called for a motion to approve the January board meeting minutes. SH moved to approve the January meeting minutes. TGB seconded. The motion carried unanimously with no abstentions (MD was not present for this vote).

E. Mission Moment

ML led board members in an icebreaker for the mission moment.

F. ED Updates

ML shared information about preparations for SJS's facilities amendment hearing. We submitted our application for the facility amendment on March 9, which included "base case" and "contingency case" financial models; the contingency scenario assumes 90% of the base scenario's student enrollment. The hearing for our amendment application will be in April, and the PCSB will vote on the amendment in May. ML explained some of the questions PCSB staff had about SJS's finances as it relates to the facility amendment application.

ML shared updates about SY26-27; we've seen a 40% increase in overall applications, an increase in the number of applications ranking SJS 1st-3rd, and a very low number of current students applying elsewhere in the MySchool DC lottery, all very good signs for next school year.

ML shared some DC education landscape updates, including:

- The Mayor's proposed budget includes a 2.55% increase in the UPSFF, but there are remaining concerns about equitable funding for charter schools in this proposal.
- There has been some increased attention on recent school closures in DC, including that of Capital Village.

ML shared details about Enrollment Saturday, which is April 25. Board members are encouraged to attend. This will include a tour of the new facility, where windows have recently been installed.

G. Committee Updates

School Performance Committee

TGB shared the SPC update: in its recent meetings, the committee has been discussing how to better access and store academic data for the committee and board members, ASPIRE adoption, and strategic staffing decisions for SY26-27 given our expectation that student needs will increase next year. JS shared that the committee has been talking with Brandon and Myron about their desire to increase content specialization in roles for next year.

ML shared that spring MAP testing is happening earlier this year than in past years in order to alleviate scholar-activists' testing fatigue. JS congratulated ML and Brandon on how they have been intentionally using student data to drive their intervention work this year.

Finance, Audit and Facilities Committee

ML shared the FAFC report: we are projecting to end the year with 194 days of cash on hand and a net income of -\$36k, which is \$192k above budget. This is largely due to our stronger-than-budgeted enrollment in SY26-27. Overall, things are stable and moving in the right direction. ML shared some information about outstanding grant requests, including OSSE and SummerBoost.

YT encouraged board members to look at the high-level base-case and contingency-case pro formas that have informed our longer-term projections.

Governance Committee

CM shared the Governance Committee report: CM has been onboarded to the committee and the committee has discussed board member recruitment. We're also thinking about how to recruit parent board members, especially given that some parents may only have students at the school for 2-3 years depending on what grades their students are in when they join.

H. Announcements

ML shared that SJS's facility amendment will be open for public comment soon, and there will be a building tour tomorrow (March 19). CCH shared that Bellwether is hosting a Governance Academy training on April 20. Board members briefly discussed board recruitment.

I. Closing

SH moved to adjourn the March board meeting. CCH seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously with no abstentions (JSG was not present for this vote). The meeting was adjourned at 7:20pm.