



**Social Justice Public Charter School  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
November 19, 2025  
1100 Connecticut Ave. NW, Ste. 430**

**Board Members Present:** Caitlin Campbell-Hahn (CCH; non-voting), Yinnie Tse (YT), Tiffany Gillis Brown (TGB, virtual), Marcus Dantley (MD, virtual), Eric Goldstein (EG), Joel Smith-Goering (JSG), Joseph Speight (JS), Shannon Hodge (SH)

**Board Members Absent:** Neils Ribeiro-Yemofio (NRY), Shannon Wright (SW)

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

**Guests Present:** none

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

YT called the meeting to order at 6:18pm and established a quorum with 7 voting board members present.

**B. Mission Moment**

ML led everyone in a “brain yoga” exercise and asked board members to share gratitude with someone in their lives.

**C. Approval of October Meeting Minutes**

SH moved to approve the October meeting minutes. EG seconded. The motion carried with no abstentions.

**D. Executive Director Updates**

ML shared a few updates from PCSB: the Merger and Acquisition policy is open for public comment. The policy lays out processes for emergency and more planned mergers or acquisitions. ML submitted testimony stating that he appreciated the spirit of the policy, which attempted to address the reality of current enrollment trends, but the requirement that schools be Level 1 or 2 schools for multiple years would make it very difficult for a school like Social Justice School to participate. The board asked some questions and briefly discussed the proposed policy.

ML shared some grant updates: SJS received a \$50k grant from Trout Lily and also recently applied for grants from OSSE (Literacy grant), the 1954 Project, and ASU-GSV.

ML highlighted two upcoming events that the board could join: Winter Festival (Dec. 10) and EdFest (Dec. 13).

**E. Committee Reports**

School Performance Committee: TGB shared that the SPC met earlier today and heard from LaRita Williams of TenSquare about the work they have been doing with Brandon and the rest of the SJS team.

JS shared that LaRita shared with us historic alignment between MAP and CAPE; in the past MAP ELA performance has been strongly correlated to end-of-year CAPE outcomes. Math is an area of greater need, and math MAP scores have been less aligned with CAPE data. TenSquare is working with the SJS team to improve both Tier 1 (core general instruction for all students) and Tier 2 (smaller-group interventions for students who need additional support) instruction.

TGB added that the team is doing really detailed data analysis to look student-by-student to assign tutoring support and make sure that students get the intervention that they need. ML and Brandon also shared that student-led conferences have built student investment in the assessments and the intervention blocks. YT asked about whether

the group discussed the board's role in supporting and holding the team accountable to the work outlined in the plans with TenSquare. TGB and JS shared that this will need to be a topic for future discussion, but today the conversation focused on building board members' understanding of the work which is an important first step.

ML added that the board could be helpful in supporting with fundraising to offset the cost of the TenSquare contract. EG asked how SJS is paying for the work; JSG shared briefly about the Finance, Audit and Facilities Committee's previous discussions on this topic.

ML shared that we are projecting a score of 61.27 on the DC School Report Card, which exceeds the 40% threshold in the Charter Goals Policy from PCSB. We will have a meeting in December with PCSB board members to confirm that we have met our conditions for SY24-25 data (which we have). ML also shared that our SY24-25 ASPIRE data will be public in December.

ML shared that chronic absenteeism rates are higher than we would like to see at this point in the year, in some cases as a result of increased federal enforcement activity in the city.

Finance, Audit and Facilities Committee: JSG shared an overview of Q1 finances. As of September 30, our projected net income for FY26 is -\$167k, an improvement compared to our budgeted net income of -\$228k. We have exceeded our budgeted enrollment by 8 students and also have an increase over projections for our SpEd enrollment. Our salaries and benefits expenses are higher than budgeted for FY26 but these are offset by the increased revenue. We are in a strong cash position, with about 187 days of cash projected for the end of FY26.

JSG also shared that we are also preparing for the facility amendment for the permanent site. We are working with EdOps on a permanent 5-year model and have been engaging with potential sublease partners. We will also be applying for the OSSE credit enhancement. We expect that there will be a hearing in March 2026 and a vote in April 2026. We just received our draft FAR score from the PCSB, and the staff accepted our proposed language for the FAR narrative around our enrollment trends.

Governance Committee: YT shared that the Governance Committee had to move its November meeting to later this week. We will be interviewing a potential board member next week and will share the candidate's profile with the board for review following the interview.

## **F. Closing**

CCH moved to adjourn the meeting. JSG seconded. The motion carried unanimously with no abstentions.