

**Minutes of the
CHIME Charter School
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, June 6th, 2025
6:00pm**

Members Present: Keisha R. Carroll, Matthew Rinnert, Kate Kodet, Marc Polansky, Dawn Hamilton, Beth Lasky

Members Absent: Josh Mark

Others Present: P. Smith (Zoom), Erin Studer, Annie Cox, Irina Castillo, William Caplenor

- I. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Patrick Smith
- II. Public Comment:** (3 minutes each)—Members of the public were given the opportunity to make a public comment. Each speaker, if any, was advised of the three (3) minute time limit and that ordinarily, Board members cannot respond to presentations on non-action items as no action can be taken on non-agenda items, but that the Board may advise that direction may be given to staff following a presentation later.
- A. R. Gilbert made a public comment.
- III. Approval of Board President, Patrick Smith to appear Via Zoom due to illness**
- A. **M/S/P Motion** (M. Polansky/D. Hamilton) to approve to allow Patrick Smith to appear Via Zoom due to illness
- B. **Public comment:** There was an opportunity for public comment. None were made
- C. **VOTE:**
- D. **Yeses:** *M. Polansky, D. Hamilton, K. Carroll, B. Lasky, M. Rinnert*
- E. **No's:** none
- F. **Abstentions:**
- G. **MOTION PASSES: 6-0-0**
- IV. Consent Agenda** (5 min) The following item(s) may be adopted by a single vote of the board, or any item(s) may be pulled off of consent by any member's request (without any need for a vote to pull from consent).
- A. Approval of the minutes of the 5/6/2025 CHIME Charter School Board of Directors Meeting
- B. **M/S/P Motion** (M. Polansky, D. Hamilton) to approve the Minutes of the CHIME Institute Board of Directors meeting held on 5/6/2025.
1. **Public comment:** There was an opportunity for public comment. None were made
2. **VOTE:**
3. **Yeses:** *D. Hamilton, M. Polansky, K. Carroll, B. Lasky, M. Rinnert, K. Kodet, P. Smith*
4. **No's:** none
5. **Abstentions:** none
6. **MOTION PASSES: 7-0-0**
- V. ACTION ITEM: Approval of LAUSD annual notification of right to leave the LAUSD SELPA**
- A. **M/S/P Motion** (P. Smith/K. Kodet) to approve the LAUSD Annual notification of rights to leave the

LAUSD SELPA

1. **Public comment:** There was an opportunity for public comment. None were made
2. **VOTE:**
3. **Yeses:** *D. Hamilton, M. Polansky, K. Carroll, B. Lasky, M. Rinnert, K. Kodet, P. Smith*
4. **No's:** none
5. **Abstentions:** *none*
6. **MOTION PASSES:** *7-0-0*

VI. ACTION ITEM: Approve adopted Dyslexia Screener

- A. E. Studer explained the need for the approval and a brief description about what lead to the choice of screener.
- B. There was a discussion about how this screener compares to other screeners.
- C. There was a discussion about training teachers.
- D. **M/S/P Motion** (D. Hamilton, M. Polansky) to approve the Dyslexia Screener as presented.
 1. **Public comment:** There was an opportunity for public comment. None were made
 2. **VOTE:**
 3. **Yeses:** *P. Smith, K. Carroll, M. Rinnert, K. Kodet, M. Polansky, D. Hamilton, B. Lasky*
 4. **No's:** none
 5. **Abstentions:** *none*
 6. **MOTION PASSES:** *7-0-0*

VII. ACTION ITEM: Approval of ExEd annual service contract

- A. Dr. Studer and I. Castillo presented details about the contract and the price of the contract.
- B. There was a discussion about the comparison between other school's contracts and the contract we were offered as well as the benefits we receive from ExEd.
- C. I. Castillo explained what ExEd does.
- D. There was a discussion about seeking alternative contracts.
- E. **M/S/P Motion** (M. Polansky/Kate Kodet) to approve the ExEd annual service contract.
 1. **Public comment:** There was an opportunity for public comment. None were made
 2. **VOTE:**
 3. **Yeses:** *P. Smith, K. Carroll, M. Rinnert, K. Kodet, M. Polansky, D. Hamilton, B. Lasky*
 4. **No's:** none
 5. **Abstentions:** *none*
 6. **MOTION PASSES:** *7-0-0*

VIII. ACTION ITEM: Approval on CHIME Instructional continuity plan

- A. Dr. Studer explained the need for the approval and described the continuity plan.
- B. There was a discussion about house-calls during COVID closures
- C. There was a discussion about submission
- D. **M/S/P Motion** (K. Carroll, M. Polansky) to approve the Minutes of the CHIME Institute Board of Directors meeting held on 5/6.
 1. **Public comment:** There was an opportunity for public comment. None were made
 2. **VOTE:**
 3. **Yeses:** *P. Smith, K. Carroll, M. Rinnert, K. Kodet, M. Polansky, D. Hamilton, B. Lasky*
 4. **No's:** none

5. *Abstentions: none*

6. **MOTION PASSES: 7-0-0**

IX. REVIEW ITEM: Review of CHIME Charter 2025-26 Annual Budget

- A. E. Studer and I. Castillo presented the 25-26 budget
- B. There was a discussion about unduplicated pupils.
- C. There was a discussion about one time discretionary funds.
- D. There was a discussion about teacher pay scale.
- E. There was a discussion about how LAUSD teacher pay scale compares.
- F. There was a discussion detailing all of the items on the budget.
- G. There was a discussion about instructional aides.
- H. There was a discussion about pension investments.
- I. There was a discussion about a list of donors who can donate supplies as requested.
- J. There was a discussion about a plan if the school is unable to hold to the budget.
- K. There was a discussion about advocating to change the way schools are funded.

X. REVIEW ITEM: Review of CHIME Charter 2025-26 Local Control Accountability Plan

(Public Hearing)

- A. Dr. Studer reviewed the LCAP.

XI. REVIEW ITEM: Presentation of FY24-25 Local Indicators

- A. Dr. Studer reviewed the FY24-25 Local Indicators

XII. REVIEW ITEM: FY23-24 May Forecast

- A. I. Castillo presented the FY23-24 May Forecast.

XIII. Adjournment:

- A. **M/S/P Motion** (D. Hamilton/P. Smith) to adjourn the CHIME Institute Board meeting.

- B. **Public comment:** There was an opportunity for public comment. None were made

1. **VOTE:**

2. **Yeses:** P. Smith, K. Carroll, M. Rinnert, K. Kodet, M. Polansky, D. Hamilton, B. Lasky

3. **No's:** none

4. **Abstentions:** none

5. **MOTION PASSES: 7-0-0**