

**Minutes of the
CHIME Charter School
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, November 4th, 2025**

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

Members Absent: Matt Rinnert, Josh Mark

Others Present: Annie Cox, Erin Studer, Irina Castillo

- I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by P. 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. M. Polansky made a public comment
- III. **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. **M/S/P** Motion (D. Hamilton, P. Smith) to approve the Minutes of the CHIME Institute Board of Directors meeting held on 10/7/2025
 1. **Public comment:** There was an opportunity for public comment. None were made
 2. **VOTE:**
 3. **Yeses:** K. Kodet, K. Carroll, P. Smith, D. Hamilton, B. Lasky, M. Polansky
 4. **No's:** none
 5. **Abstentions:** none
 6. **MOTION PASSES:** 6-0-0
- IV. **ACTION ITEM: Approval of Local Assignment Option for Amy Brown for Academic Enrichment**
 - A. Approval of Local Assignment Options 25-26
 - B. In accordance with Ed Code (§44258.2) the Board delegates to the Principal/Ex. Dir. the
 1. authority to employ the holder of a single subject teaching credential, with his or her consent, to teach classes in grades 6 to 8, inclusive, in a CHIME middle school, if he or she has a minimum of 12 semester units, or six upper division or graduate units, of coursework at an accredited institution in the subject to which he or she is assigned. And also in accordance with EC §44256(b) the Board delegates to the principal and the Ex. Dir. the authority to employ holder of a multiple subject teaching credential to teach any subject in departmentalized classes to a given class or group of students below grade 9, provided that the teacher has completed at least 12 semester units, or six upper division or graduate units, of coursework at an accredited institution in each subject to be taught. Such assignment shall be with the teacher's consent.
 - C. THEREFORE be resolved that the board approves the following individuals for a local assignment for their designated courses per the recommendation of the Executive Director

1. Amy Brown - Non- academic Academic elective Academic Enrichment
- D. E. Studer explained the need for the Local Assignment Option approval.
- E. There was a question about what would happen if it was not approved. The question was answered.
- F. There was a discussion about why Mrs. Brown wasn't approved.
- G. The board agreed that A. Brown meets the requirements needed
- H. **M/S/P** Motion (M. Polansky, K. Carroll) to approve the Local Assignment Option for Amy Brown for Academic Enrichment.
 1. **Public comment:** There was an opportunity for public comment. None were made
 2. **VOTE:**
 3. **Yeses:** K. Kodet, K. Carroll, P. Smith, D. Hamilton, B. Lasky, M. Polansky
 4. **No's:** none
 5. **Abstentions:** none
 6. **MOTION PASSES:** 6-0-0

V. ACTION ITEM: Approval of Compliance Monitoring and Certification of Board Compliance

Review 2025-26

- A. E. Studer explained the need for the Approval and went through all of the items.
- B. There was a discussion about the implementation of the processes outlined in the review.
- C. There was a question about why the review is happening.
- D. **M/S/P** Motion (P. Smith, D. Hamilton) to approve the Compliance Monitoring and Certification of Board Compliance Review 2025-26
 1. **Public comment:** There was an opportunity for public comment. None were made
 2. **VOTE:**
 3. **Yeses:** K. Kodet, K. Carroll, P. Smith, D. Hamilton, B. Lasky, M. Polansky
 4. **No's:** none
 5. **Abstentions:** none
 6. **MOTION PASSES:** 6-0-0

VI. Financial Review

- A. There was a discussion about changes in the budget.
- B. There was a discussion about ways to stop spending and get more ADA.
- C. There was a discussion about increased revenue.
- D. There was a discussion about comparing this year's budget to this time last year.
- E. There was a discussion about cutting budget items.
- F. There was a discussion about a plan to cut costs in benefits.
- G. M. Polansky requested that there were concrete plans for budget reduction.
- H. The board reviewed the check registry and asked questions about items.
- I.

VII. Adjournment: .

- A. **M/S/P** Motion (M. Polansky) to adjourn the CHIME Institute Board meeting.
- B. **Public comment:** There was an opportunity for public comment. None were made
 1. **VOTE:**
 2. **Yeses:** K. Kodet, K. Carroll, P. Smith, D. Hamilton, B. Lasky, M. Polansky
 3. **No's:** none
 4. **Abstentions:** none

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