

**Minutes of the  
CHIME Charter School  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Tuesday, March 3rd, 2026**

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

**Members Absent:** Josh Mark

**Others Present:** Will Caplenor, Erin Studer, Annie Cox, Julie Himot, 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.
  
- 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 (P. Smith, J. Mark) to approve the Minutes of the CHIME Institute Board of Directors meeting held on 2/3/2026
    1. **Public comment:** There was an opportunity for public comment. None were made
    2. **VOTE:**
    3. **Yeses:** *P. Smith, B. Lasky, D. Hamilton, K. Kodet, J. Mark,*
    4. **No's:** none
    5. **Abstentions:** *M. Polansky, M. Rinnert*
    6. **MOTION PASSES: 5-0-2**
  
- IV. **ACTION ITEM: Approval of the 25-26 Auditing Firm**
  - A. E. Studer explained the need for an audit and discussed the options of different firms.
    1. There was a discussion about the different options for auditing firms.
  - B. **M/S/P** Motion (J. Mark, M. Rinnert) to approve the selection of CLA as the 25-26 Auditing firm
    1. **Public comment:** There was an opportunity for public comment. None were made
    2. **VOTE:**
    3. **Yeses:** *P. Smith, B. Lasky, D. Hamilton, K. Kodet, J. Mark, M. Polansky, M. Rinnert*
    4. **No's:** none
    5. **Abstentions:**
    6. **MOTION PASSES: 7-0-0**
  
- V. **Approval of Health Care Employee Benefits Plan**
  - A. E. Studer explained that he is not ready to present this for approval.
    1. There was a discussion about this.
    2. This topic will be revisited in April
  
- VI. **Review and Approve of Amended Work from Home policy**

- A. E. Studer reviewed the work from home policy
  - 1. There was a discussion about the policy
- B. **M/S/P** Motion (M. Polansky, P. Smith) to approve the Amended work from home policy as presented.
  - 1. **Public comment:** There was an opportunity for public comment. None were made
  - 2. **VOTE:**
  - 3. **Yeses:** *P. Smith, B. Lasky, D. Hamilton, K. Kodet, J. Mark, M. Polansky, M. Rinnert*
  - 4. **No's:** none
  - 5. **Abstentions:**
  - 6. **MOTION PASSES: 7-0-0**

**VII. Review January Financials - Charter School**

- A. I. Castillo presented the January financials.
- B. There was a discussion about reducing spending.

**VIII. ELAC Committee Update**

- A. E. Studer updated the board on the ELAC committee
  - 1. There was a discussion about testing scores.

**IX. Executive Report**

- A. Dr. Studer talked about enrollment.

**X. Approve 2nd Interim Financials FY 25-26**

- A. **M/S/P** Motion (P. Smith, J. Mark) to approve the Interim financials.
- B. **Public comment:** There was an opportunity for public comment. None were made
- C. **VOTE:**
- D. **Yeses:** *P. Smith, B. Lasky, D. Hamilton, K. Kodet, J. Mark, M. Polansky, M. Rinnert*
- E. **No's:** none
- F. **Abstentions:**
- G. **MOTION PASSES: 7-0-0**

**XI. Adjournment: .**

- A. **M/S/P** Motion (P. Smith) to adjourn the CHIME Charter School Board meeting.
- B. **Public comment:** There was an opportunity for public comment. None were made
  - 1. **Public comment:** There was an opportunity for public comment. None were made
  - 2. Keisha R Carroll's name was spelled incorrectly and has been amended.
  - 3. **VOTE:**
  - 4. **Yeses:** *P. Smith, K. Kodet, J. Mark, D. Hamilton, B. Lasky*
  - 5. **No's:** none
  - 6. **Abstentions:** *none*
  - 7. **MOTION PASSES: 5-0-0**