

**Minutes of the
CHIME Charter School
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, August 11th, 2026**

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

Members Absent: Patrick Smith, Matthew Rinnert

Others Present: Annie Cox, Julie Himot, Erin Studer, Irina Castillo, William Caplenor

- 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. W. Caplenor 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 (B. Laskey, M. Polansky) to approve the Minutes of the CHIME Institute Board of Directors meeting held on 8/11/2026 at 7:30pm
 1. **Public comment:** There was an opportunity for public comment. None were made
 2. **VOTE:**
 3. **Yeses:** *M. Polansky, K. Carroll, B. Lasky K. Kodet*
 4. **No's:** none
 5. **Abstentions:** *D. Hamilton, J. Mark*
 6. **MOTION PASSES: 5-0-2**
- IV. **ACTION ITEM: Approve Homeless Students Education and Procedures Policy**
 - A. There was a discussion about the policy and the change to the policy, as well as the number of families that are impacted by the policy and how information about the policy is dispersed.
 - B. **M/S/P** Motion (K. Carroll, D. Hamilton) to approve the Homeless Students Education and Procedures Policy
 1. **Public comment:** There was an opportunity for public comment. None were made
 2. **VOTE:**
 3. **Yeses:** *M. Polansky, K. Carroll, B. Lasky K. Kodet, D. Hamilton, J. Mark*
 4. **No's:** none
 5. **Abstentions:** *none*
 6. **MOTION PASSES: 7-0-0**

V. ACTION ITEM: Approval of the Declaration of Need/Emergency for the teaching areas of Physical Education, CLAD certification, Transitional Kindergarten, and Special Education

- A. **E. Studer explained the process that requires the declaration of need and approval.**
- B. **M/S/P** Motion (J. Mark, B. Laskey) to approve the Declaration of Need/Emergency for the teaching areas of Physical Education, CLAD certification, Transitional Kindergarten, and Special Education
- C. E. Studer explained the process that requires the declaration of need and approval.
 - 1. **Public comment:** There was an opportunity for public comment. None were made
 - 2. **VOTE:**
 - 3. **Yeses:** *M. Polansky, K. Carroll, B. Lasky K. Kodet, D. Hamilton, J. Mark*
 - 4. **No's:** none
 - 5. **Abstentions:** none
 - 6. **MOTION PASSES: 7-0-0**

VI. ACTION ITEM: Approval of a Provisional Internship Permit in Physical Education - Engelberth Alvarez-Simms

- A. **M/S/P** Motion (K. Carroll, M. Polansky) to approve the Provisional Internship Permit in Physical Education - Engelberth Alvarez-Simms
 - 1. **Public comment:** There was an opportunity for public comment. None were made
 - 2. **VOTE:**
 - 3. **Yeses:** *M. Polansky, K. Carroll, B. Lasky K. Kodet, D. Hamilton, J. Mark*
 - 4. **No's:** none
 - 5. **Abstentions:** none
 - 6. **MOTION PASSES: 7-0-0**

VII. ACTION ITEM: Approval of an emergency waiver renewal CLAD Permit for Sam Lee

- A. **M/S/P** Motion (J. Mark, D. Hamilton) to approve the emergency waiver renewal CLAD Permit for Sam Lee
 - 1. **Public comment:** There was an opportunity for public comment. None were made
 - 2. **VOTE:**
 - 3. **Yeses:** *M. Polansky, K. Carroll, B. Lasky K. Kodet, D. Hamilton, J. Mark*
 - 4. **No's:** none
 - 5. **Abstentions:** none
 - 6. **MOTION PASSES: 7-0-0**

VIII. ACTION ITEM: Approval of a Short term staffing permit for Diqueasha Bowen

- A. **M/S/P** Motion (D. Hamilton, K. Carroll) to approve the Short term staffing permit for Diqueasha Bowen
 - 1. **Public comment:** There was an opportunity for public comment. None were made
 - 2. **VOTE:**

3. **Yeses:** *M. Polansky, K. Carroll, B. Lasky K. Kodet, D. Hamilton, J. Mark*
4. **No's:** none
5. **Abstentions:** none
6. **MOTION PASSES: 7-0-0**

IX. ACTION ITEM: Approval of Local Assignment Options for the 2026-27 school year.

- A. E. Studer explained the options and the need for approval.
- B. **M/S/P** Motion (K. Kodet, B. Lasky) to approve the Local Assignment Options for the 2026-27 school year.
 1. **Public comment:** There was an opportunity for public comment. None were made
 2. **VOTE:**
 3. **Yeses:** *M. Polansky, K. Carroll, B. Lasky K. Kodet, D. Hamilton, J. Mark*
 4. **No's:** none
 5. **Abstentions:** none
 6. **MOTION PASSES: 7-0-0**

X. ACTION ITEM: Approval of Independent Study Policy for the 2026-27 school year

- A. There was a discussion about the policy and questions about how the policy will be implemented.
- B. **M/S/P** Motion (J. Mark, D. Hamilton) to approve the Independent Study Policy for the 2026-27 school year
 1. **Public comment:** There was an opportunity for public comment. None were made
 2. **VOTE:**
 3. **Yeses:** *M. Polansky, K. Carroll, B. Lasky K. Kodet, D. Hamilton, J. Mark*
 4. **No's:** none
 5. **Abstentions:** none
 6. **MOTION PASSES: 7-0-0**

XI. ACTION ITEM: Approval of Prop 98 Arts and Music funding expenditures

- A. E. Studer explained the expenditures. There were questions about provisions.
- B. **M/S/P** Motion (D. Hamilton, M. Polansky) to approve the Prop 98 Arts and Music funding expenditures
 1. **Public comment:** There was an opportunity for public comment. None were made
 2. **VOTE:**
 3. **Yeses:** *M. Polansky, K. Carroll, B. Lasky K. Kodet, D. Hamilton, J. Mark*
 4. **No's:** none
 5. **Abstentions:** none
 6. **MOTION PASSES: 7-0-0**

XII. Director's report

XIII.

- A. There was a discussion about enrollment

XIV. Adjournment: .

A. The meeting was adjourned by M. Polansky