

**CCSJ Charter Authority
Board Meeting Minutes
17 Nov 2025**

Present: Ginger Rodriguez, Ellery Hunter, Shana Levinson, Carrie Hutton, Lynn Miskus, Brian Lowry

Also Present: Amy McCormack, Mablene Patrick

Chairperson Ginger Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 3:30p.

Shana motioned to approve the agenda, Ellery seconded. Motion passed.

The prior minutes were approved with the correction of the spelling of Rodriguez.

The Public Meeting Notice was read.

HAST Update

--A team of 5 was attending HAST within the week for their mid-year review

--The final dashboard was completed and included in the packet

--Carrie was generally satisfied with results, noting that there was a dip in math proficiency. An instructional change was made to address this, notably that math will be worked into other subject areas. There were no concerns beyond this.

--Increased enrollment and a long waitlist were positive indicators at the start of a good school year

TBLA Update

--A site visit occurred on 5 November 25

--Stakeholder conversations revealed that licensed teachers remained a concern, though the number of licensed teachers has climbed from 50% to between 75-80% since CCSJ Charter Authority became the authorizer.

--It was noted that TBLA is appropriately addressing a number of changes simultaneously

--Academic scores at TBLA remain better than other Gary Public Schools

--Initial concerns regarding governance are being addressed, and improvements are occurring

--Enrollment remains steady at 780 students

--Carrie noted that ICIC has been helpful in addressing issues, and that financial matters are still being outsourced. If moved in-house with qualified professionals, this could result in cost-savings.

--Ellery noted that the packet requested a written response from TBLA and asked if it was received. Carrie indicated that it was.

Office Update

Ginger noted that the Charter School conference that she and others recently attended was great.

Carrie indicated that Cathy Gonzalez has recently been out to a number of charter schools recently in an effort to expand the Charter Authority's portfolio. The desire to work closely with local schools reflects the mission of personalization at CCSJ and is a unique position in the market.

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New name tags and business cards have been ordered.

A two-year \$200k IDOE grant application to support professionalization and governance was submitted and awards will be announced prior to year's end.

The IDOE report was provided earlier in the day.

It was noted that Sean Egan was representing the group on a decision that needed to be made regarding what entity will purchase (for \$1) School 65 in Indianapolis.

New Business

Ginger outlined the FIPSE grant that CCSJ is applying for. If successful, this grant would enable CCSJ educators to assist in K-12 classrooms with a focus on AI.

Carrie noted that income generated by the Charter Authority could potentially assist in funding room renovations, room rental fees, design ideas for teachers, scholarship opportunities, continuing education and/or charter school networking events.

The next meeting was scheduled for 12 Feb 2025 at 2p.

A motion was made by Ellery to adjourn the meeting. Shana seconded. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 4:25p.