

CCSJ Charter Authority Meeting Minutes

April 14, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 pm. Present were

Ginger Rodriguez,
Ellery Hunter,
Shana Levinson,

Also present:
Lynn Miskus
Carrie Hutton

Ginger read the Notice of public meeting aloud and verified that no decisions were made in executive session.

Hunter motioned to approve the Agenda. Levinson seconded. *Motion carries.*

Hunter motioned to approve the February 12, 2026 minutes, Levinson seconded. *Motion carries.*

HAST Update

Carrie indicated that they are generally pleased with Hast's progress in all domains. They're up for charter renewal in a couple of years and would consider recommending a 15-year renewal.

TBLA Update

Carrie indicated that TBLA has governance practice issues, as contained in the materials she provided in our Board packets. Preliminary IRead scores – Third grade had an over 70% pass rate after first chance of 3 chances they have to take it. It should only improve by the next test. Around 50% of their 2nd grade students passed so that's decent as well. They have some academic challenges at the top but have over a 70% pass rate so happy with that.

Office Update

Carrie noted that they have been very busy at the Charter School office. Grant still has 1 ½ years on it and training today was grant funded. Moving along on room 305. Paint done, ceiling tiles replaced, ceiling fans taken down furniture ordered, technology updated. Went under \$60,000 budget because they didn't order the laptop cart but she believes BP Grant might cover that. Brian is working on that.

Signed a contract with ReportWell. Data Collection Software. Carrie's putting together 2026 accountability performance framework to add specifics. Will cut down on need to do so many spreadsheets and crunching numbers by hand. Hoping to be up and running by August 2026. They send someone to train Carrie, Lynn and Cathy and someone to the schools to train them on how to upload data.

March 17, we put on governance training for Board members of Thea Bowman and Hast. ICIC put it on and did a great job. Provided excellent resources, accountability examples, forms, etc. There were approximately 22 people present.

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Looking to find consultants. To help with policy and procedure in accountability framework. We need clearer policies for accountability. Should match state accountability framework.

Earlier in March, they hosted a college visit for Thea Bowman seniors. A number of students came, met with career services, were toured around, see classrooms, the gym, etc. and it was a great visit.

NACSA Grant – we don't get dollars for it but we're required to participate. Lynn and Carrie went to a meeting in March at University of Indianapolis. Had another meeting in April and will have two more meetings in May, one in person and one virtual. Will focus on new school applications and will report back after the next two meetings.

Scholarships –

Grad School possibilities – they've tried offering dual credit for students but it was not at all cost effective; in fact, was a huge money loss. Instead, they want to offer one scholarship to one teacher per year to get a master's degree from Cal College, who would then be able to offer dual credit through Ivy Tech. Around \$10,000 is the difference between our cost for a graduate program and other colleges. Teachers could finish the program more quickly than at other schools and it would cost the same. The Board discussed the length of the program (12 classes), the total cost, etc., getting flyers together, website building, etc.

Hunter moved to authorize our Executive Director to develop a faculty scholarship program where one scholarship would be offered to a teacher at TBLA and one to a teacher at Hast. Carrie will come to the board with candidates for final selection. Levinson seconded. *Motion carries.*

The Board discussed potentially awarding athletic scholarships/credits toward tuition. Board asked questions about credits and costs and longevity of the program. Maybe we'll check out the opportunity for summer programs if we have younger children. The Board spoke positively about the idea. Carrie will check into different options, financing and implications and report back to the Board at the next meeting.

New Business

The Board decided to revisit the Vision Statement at the next meeting.

Many issues discussed in the training session. Should discuss expanding the Board, per the recommendation of the training provider.

Generally discussed updating the website to include all of our accolades and support services as an authorizer.

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Public Comment

No members of the public were present.

Next meeting dates were discussed and

Next regularly scheduled meeting is set August 5, 2026 @ 2:30 p.m.

Levinson moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:20 pm. Hunter seconded. *Motion carries.*