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Rockford Charter School Organization Board Meeting Minutes
January 22, 2026
11:30 a.m.
Jackson Charter School, 315 Summit Street, Rockford, IL 61107
In-Person Meeting

1. Call to Order – at 11:37 a.m.
    a. Present: Tamir Bell, La'Keshia Wingo, Quentin Wainwright, Erika Hannah, Carla Redd, Antonio Johnson, Mary Simmons (entered at 11:56 a.m.), Executive Director, Dr. Ebony Wrenn, Business and Compliance Manager, Frank Bisconti, MTSS Coordinator, Emily Tran (virtual), Leslie Cruz (CSBM), Attorney Roxanne Sosnowski
    b. Not Present: William Cunningham, Jessica Iasparro
2. Approval of Agenda
    a. A motion too Approve the Agenda was made by La'Keshia Wingo and seconded by Erika Hannah.
        i. Voice Vote: All members voting aye.
        ii. Motion passed.
3. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes for December 18, 2025
    a. A motion to Approve the Board Meeting Minutes for December 18, 2025, was made by La'Keshia Wingo and seconded by Erika Hannah.
        i. Voice Vote: All members voting aye.
        ii. Motion passed.
4. Public Comment – None.
5. New Business
    a. Update on Professional Services Agreement from the Regional Office of Education #4 (ROE 4) for LETRS Instructional Coaching
        i. Dr. Wrenn informed the Board that this agreement was approved at the previous meeting, but this is the physical contract. She explained that the ROE is serving as the school's learning partner. Dr. Wrenn stated that the ROE is providing instructional coaching for the 3rd through 5th grade teachers.
        ii. Attorney Roxanne Sosnowski informed the Board that this is an expense that has been approved already with a total cost of $20,312.50.
    b. Discuss/Approve Change Order from BelRock Asphalt Paving, Inc., for Asphalt Replacement, Retroactive to November 12, 2025
        i. Business and Compliance Manager, Frank Bisconti informed the Board that there was an initial board approval of around $8,700.00 to complete the asphalt and paving work that needed to be done. He explained that when BelRock pulled back all the asphalt, the parking lot was not prepared properly underneath. Frank

Bisconti explained that BelRock had to remove tons of mud and replace it with stone, which created an additional cost of about $9,300.00. He stated that this needed to be authorized in order to complete the work, so this change order is on the agenda to retroactively approve the additional services needed.

ii. Carla Redd asked when the last time the parking lot was done and asked who it was that did not properly install the asphalt. Attorney Sosnowski stated that she believes it was within the last five years, and that she can go back and find the previous agreement.

1. A motion to Approve the Change Order from BelRock Asphalt Paving, Inc., for Asphalt Replacement, Retroactive to November 12, 2025, was made by La'Keshia Wingo and seconded by Carla Redd.
    a. Roll Call Vote:
        i. Tamir Bell – Aye.
        ii. La'Keshia Wingo – Aye.
        iii. Quentin Wainwright – Aye.
        iv. Erika Hannah – Aye.
        v. Carla Redd – Aye.
    b. All ayes. Motion passed.

c. Discuss/Approve Revised Jackson Charter School Bullying Policy

i. Attorney Sosnowski informed the Board that a revised bullying policy was approved in October. She stated that the bullying policy was then submitted to ISBE. Attorney Sosnowski stated that ISBE then came back with a list of things they wanted amended on the policy. Attorney Sosnowski stated that after some research, it was found that the statue changed with a new effective date of July 2026. She explained that it looks like the language ISBE is asking to be added will be effective in July, but it makes sense to take care of the revisions now.

1. A motion to Approve the revised Jackson Charter School Bullying Policy was made by La'Keshia Wingo and seconded by Tamir Bell.
    a. Voice Vote: All members voting aye.
    b. Motion passed.

d. Discuss/Approve Potential New Rockford Charter School Organization Board Member, Antonio Johnson

i. Dr. Wrenn informed the Board that she and Antonio Johnson have had conversations about his interest in joining the Board.

ii. Antonio Johnson informed the Board that he is currently with Gro Community, who serves as a mental health partner for Jackson Charter School. He stated that in his time at the school, he has noticed that there are great things that the Board and staff are doing. Antonio Johnson explained that he was an educator at Art in Motion Charter School. He stated that he taught English, business, and history. Antonio Johnson explained that before working at the charter school, he also worked in policy in Chicago, where he worked with the Chicago City Council. He stated that he also has overseen One Summer Chicago, which is a summer program for students in Chicago who are looking for employment. Antonio Johnson informed the Board that he is ready to put his best foot forward when it

comes to helping with donors, community outreach, and putting in the groundwork to continue to build the mental health and education at the school.

1. A motion to Approve the Potential New Rockford Charter School Organization Board Member, Antonio Johnson, was made by Carla Redd and seconded by Erika Hannah.
    a. Voice Vote: All members voting aye.
    b. Motion passed.

e. Monthly Presentation by Consultant ElevatED Spaces, LLC
    i. No presentation made.

2. Old Business
    a. Discuss/Approve Request for Proposal Responses for Strategic Planning Services
        i. Dr. Wrenn informed the Board that because of the current budget deficit, the focus should be on recruitment and enrollment rather than moving forward with a strategic plan.
3. Marketing Committee Report
    a. Tamir Bell informed the Board that the School Choice Week breakfast will be held at The Standard on Friday, January 30th at 9:30 a.m.
4. Executive Director Report
    a. Dr. Wrenn informed the Board that she attended National Alliance of Black School Educators (NABSE). She explained that out of that came a conversation with Wayfinder, which is a social-emotional learning curriculum. Dr. Wrenn stated that the students have a wide range of heavy needs and the school needs to be intentional about the effectiveness of a culturally responsive SEL curriculum. Dr. Wrenn informed the Board that Wayfinder is granting the school a pilot for free to test out the curriculum before investing in it.
    b. Dr. Wrenn informed the Board that she is actively continuing to secure contractors for the early release program at the school.
    c. MTSS Coordinator, Emily Tran, informed the Board that the school is in the middle of the year testing. She explained that when looking at the current data with guided reading levels, the school is seeing a lot of student growth in 3rd through 5th grade. Emily Tran stated that a lot of the foundational gaps are shrinking in K-2. She stated that the school is using the University of Florida Literacy Institute program for the students' Power Hour in K-5. Emily Tran informed the Board that the students will be taking their second practice IAR test next week, as well as school-wide NWEA testing in the beginning of February. She stated that by the February board report, there should be some more concrete data available.
5. Director of Student Support & Engagement Report
    a. No oral report made. Written Report was included in Board packets.
6. Finance Committee Report/Finance Manager Report
    a. YTD Budget Actuals
        i. Leslie Cruz informed the Board that in terms of revenue there was a change of $52,395.00 based on what the amended budget had. Leslie Cruz informed the Board that expenses have increased by $90,134.00. She explained that this is due to unexpected costs, like the parking lot repair, landscaping, plumbing, as well as a CSBM invoice.
    b. YTD Cashflow Update
        i. Leslie Cruz informed the Board that the bank account as of the end of December stands at $2,589,455.00.

ii. Mary Simmons entered the meeting at 11:56 a.m.

7. Discuss/Approve Potential New Rockford Charter School Organization Board Member, Mary Simmons
    a. Dr. Wrenn informed the Board that Mary Simmons has been at several meetings, and her resume has been previously included in board packets.
    b. Mary Simmons informed the Board that she is a project manager at Collins Aerospace. She explained that she has participated in the Equity in Board Representation program, as well as being a leader in professional community-based organizations like NSBE, SWE, and at work with different employee resource groups. Mary Simmons informed the Board that she has been on the board for United Way of Rock River Valley for about 2.5 years and is looking to continue to be engrossed in the community.
        i. A motion to Approve the Potential New Rockford Charter School Organization Board Member, Mary Simmons, by Tamir Bell and seconded by Carla Redd.
            1. Voice Vote: All members voting aye.
            2. Motion passed.
8. Executive Session – (if needed)
    a. Personnel - Go into Closed Session to Review Closed Session Minutes and to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, specific individuals who serve as independent contractors in a park, recreational, or educational setting, or specific volunteers of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee, a specific individual who serves as an independent contractor in a park, recreational, or educational setting, or a volunteer of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity.
        i. A motion to enter executive session was made by La'Keshia Wingo and seconded by Erika Hannah.
            1. Voice Vote: All members voting aye.
            2. Entered executive session at 12:27 p.m.
        ii. A motion to exit executive session was made by Tamir Bell and seconded by Carla Redd.
            1. Voice Vote: All members voting aye.
            2. Exited executive session at 1:02 p.m.
9. Discuss/Approve Quote for Ceiling Repair from Kee Solutions, LLC
    a. A motion to Approve the Quote for Ceiling Repair from Kee Solutions, LLC, was made by Tamir Bell and seconded by La'Keshia Wingo.
        i. Roll Call Vote:
            1. Tamir Bell – Aye.
            2. La'Keshia Wingo – Aye.
            3. Erika Hannah – Aye.
            4. Carla Redd – Aye.
            5. Antonio Johnson – Aye.
            6. Mary Simmons – Aye.
            7. Quentin Wainwright – Abstain.
        ii. Majority of members voting aye. Motion passed.
10. Adjournment

a. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Carla Redd and seconded by La'Keshia Wingo.
    i. Voice Vote: All members voting aye.
    ii. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

Next Board Meeting: February 19, 2026, at 11:30 a.m. (Meeting will be held in-person at Jackson Charter School, 315 Summit Street, Rockford, IL 61107)