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Rockford Charter School Organization Board Meeting Agenda
March 19, 2026
11:30 a.m.
Jackson Charter School, 315 Summit Street, Rockford, IL 61107
In-Person Meeting

1. Call to Order – at 11:39 a.m.
    a. Present: Tamir Bell, La'Keshia Wingo, Quentin Wainwright, Erika Hannah, Antonio Johnson, Mary Simmons, Executive Director, Dr. Ebony Wrenn (virtual), MTSS Coordinator, Emily Tran (virtual), Specialized Services Manager, Haley Braconier, Leslie Cruz (CSBM), Attorney Roxanne Sosnowski
    b. Not Present: William Cunningham, Jessica Iasparro, Carla Redd
2. Approval of Agenda
    a. A motion to 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 February 19, 2026
    a. A motion to Approve the Board Meeting Minutes for February 19, 2026, 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. Finance Committee Report/Finance Manager Report
    a. YTD Budget Actuals
        i. Rosalyn Wik explained that the yearend forecast for total revenue is $3,941,498.00, and total expenses are at $4,826,691.00, yielding a net income loss of $885,192.00.
    b. YTD Cashflow Update
        i. Leslie Cruz informed the Board that the bank account is currently at $2,635,036.00, and accounts receivable are currently at $514,508.00.
    c. La'Keshia Wingo reminded the Board to be conscious of their contribution to Jackson Charter School. She stated that the Finance Committee was discussing how to show these contributions fiscally, as well as in the school's budget.
    d. La'Keshia Wingo informed the Board that there will be a gala coming up. She stated that pre-sale tickets are $100.00 up until April 15th and then ticket prices will be $125.00. She informed the Board that the marketing communication for the gala should be coming soon. Tamir Bell informed the Board that the gala is scheduled for May 2nd from 7PM to 10PM at the Rockford Art Museum.
    e. Dr. Wrenn stated that the Finance Committee also discussed that there still is a sense of urgency to secure diverse funding at the school. She explained that the school has been operating on a per person budget, and the school really leans on enrollment. Dr. Wrenn stated that she thinks there needs to be a focus on corporate sponsorship and individual

donors, and she really needs the Board to be a fundraising board in order to make connections and help diversify the funding streams.

6. New Business
    a. Discuss/Approve Contract Renewal Agreement with Taher Inc. for Food Service Management, Retroactive to March 2, 2026
        i. Dr. Wrenn informed the Board that this is who the school currently uses for food service. Attorney Sosnowski explained that this agreement would be for services from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027, with a 4.1% increase in the rates.
            1. A motion to Approve the Contract Renewal Agreement with Taher Inc. for Food Service Management, Retroactive to March 2, 2026, was made by Erika Hannah and seconded by La'Keshia Wingo.
                a. Roll Call Vote:
                    i. Tamir Bell – Aye.
                    ii. La'Keshia Wingo – Aye.
                    iii. Quentin Wainwright – Aye.
                    iv. Mary Simmons – Aye.
                    v. Antonio Johnson – Aye.
                    vi. Erika Hannah – Aye.
                b. All members voting aye. Motion passed.
    b. Discuss/Approve Business Rental Agreement with the Rockford Art Museum for Event Space Rental
        i. Dr. Wrenn informed the Board that the Rockford Art Museum gave the school a discounted rate. She also stated that the National School Choice Foundation is allowing the school to use the remaining school choice funding, which will essentially cover the cost for the gala venue.
            1. A Motion to Approve the Business Rental Agreement with the Rockford Art Museum for Event Space Rental was made by Tamir Bell and seconded by La'Keshia Wingo.
                a. Roll Call Vote:
                    i. Tamir Bell – Aye.
                    ii. La'Keshia Wingo – Aye.
                    iii. Quentin Wainwright – Aye.
                    iv. Mary Simmons – Aye.
                    v. Antonio Johnson – Aye.
                    vi. Erika Hannah – Aye.
                b. All members voting aye. Motion passed.
    c. Monthly Presentation by Consultant ElevatED Spaces, LLC
        i. No presentation made.
7. Old Business
8. Marketing Committee Report
    a. No report made.
9. Executive Director Report
    a. Dr. Wrenn informed the Board that her mission moment this month was focused on performing arts integration. She stated that Jessica Iasparro helped connect her to a board member at United Way, who helped the school secure performances for dance and choir at the Ice Hogs game.
    b. Dr. Wrenn stated that there has been a decrease in enrollment. She explained that there were 6 students in total that moved to Chicago, in which the families were able to get more support for their children. Dr. Wrenn informed that Board that there was a Kindergarten enrollment open house. She stated that it got rained out and only three families came to the open house.

c. Dr. Wrenn explained that there have been several great interviews for staff for next school year. She stated that she is looking to put in an offer for a Kindergarten teacher for next school year, along with a 5th grade math and science teacher.
d. MTSS Coordinator, Emily Tran, informed the Board that the school finished the NWEA cycle in early February, and are able to see the winter predictions for IAR. She stated that predictions show 2nd through 5th graders. Mrs. Tran explained that currently, there are 8% of students at or above proficiency in reading, and 6% of students are at or above proficiency in math. She informed the Board that last year, the school was at 15% for reading and 7% for math. Mrs. Tran stated that a student improvement team, they are really trying to map out what writing, reading, and math curriculums look like and how they can focus on priority standards and test prep.
e. Dr. Wrenn informed the Board that the school has integrated an accelerated boot camp for intervention and after-school tutoring, specifically for 3rd through 5th graders and targeting the intervention students.

10. Director of Student Support & Engagement Report
    a. No oral report made. Written report was included in board packets.
11. 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 Tamir Bell and seconded by La'Keshia Wingo.
            1. Voice Vote: All members voting aye.
            2. Motion passed. Entered executive session at 12:33 p.m.
        ii. A motion to exit executive session was made by Tamir Bell and seconded by La'Keshia Wingo.
            1. Voice Vote: All members voting aye.
            2. Motion passed. Exited executive session at 12:40 p.m.
12. Adjournment
    a. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Tamir Bell and seconded by La'Keshia Wingo.
        i. Voice Vote: All members voting aye.
        ii. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Next Board Meeting: April 16, 2026, at 11:30 a.m. (Meeting will be held in-person at Jackson Charter School, 315 Summit Street, Rockford, IL 61107)