Facility Schools Board
Minutes of Meeting
February 12, 2026

Venue: Shiloh Family Resource Pavilion

In attendance:
Board Members Present: Steven Ramirez, Carolena Steen, Doug Hanley (virtual), Sonjia Hunt, Megan Coggins, Rebecca Carpenter

Board Members Absent: Mylynda Herrick

Staff Present: Judy Stirman, Wendy Dunaway, Robin Singer, Ann Symalla, Tara Butler, Lori Kochevar (virtual), Allie Miller, Celina Ulibarri

Staff Absent: Carrie Foster, Annie Haskins, Margarita Colindres

Others present: Virginia Winter, Consultant to the Board; Jason Langberg, Assistant Attorney General; Barb Taylor, Special Education Director for various facilities; Chelsea Turco, Natural Supports (virtual); Elle Phelps, Willow Academy; Quixie Smith, Educational Coordinator for various facilities (virtual).

Meeting Commencement:
Co-Chair Steen called the meeting to order.

Approval of Minutes for January 8, 2026:
Co-Chair Steen entertains a motion to accept the Board minutes.
Board member Coggins makes a motion to approve January 8, 2026, minutes, and Board member Ramirez seconds. The Board unanimously approves the minutes.

Approval of February 12, 2026, Agenda:
Co-Chair Steen entertains a motion to accept the agenda.
A motion was made by Board member Coggins, seconded by Board member Ramirez, to approve the February 12, 2026, agenda. The Board unanimously approved the agenda.

Public Comment-Members of the public who wish to address the board must sign up 24 hours prior to the meeting

- No public comment provided

Introduction-Natural Supports - Potential new specialized day school (SDS) site. Works with students with significant and specialized needs. The school is located in Commerce City. Board member Coggins shared previous positive experiences with the program.

Introduction-Willow Academy-Potential new SDS site. Works with students ages 5-21 with intensive needs. Located in a Littleton Public Schools building.

Update to Board Seat Vacancies (June 2026-County DHS and State Placing agency seats)
Judy Stirman shared that the opening has been advertised in multiple places. No applications to date.

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Board Leadership

Virginia Winter led the discussion of the following: Review of an excerpt from HB08-1204 on Facility School Board (FSB) composition; Compared similar sections of the 2008 legislation with the 2024 amended Board operating procedures and also the Board Staff Responsibility Matrix; The board discussed member diversity in relation to the requirements and the importance of being able to orient new board members and recruit for gaps in required membership categories; It was agreed that the Facility School Board-Staff Responsibility Matrix should be used to onboard the incoming board member(s) and a plan to designate a mentor to newly appointed board members and provide orientation has been added to the Work Plan (as applicable) in May and August.

Accreditation

Wendy Dunaway reported that CDE is creating a draft outcomes report with data by spring - it will include assessment data**.** Phase 2 of the reports will include PWR and attendance data. SchoolWorks will be working with the Office of Facility Schools (OFS) to develop a framework for the accreditation process, including the standards and indicators rubric.

Board Corner - Tara Butler

- Board member Coggins-February-Real Life CO/Learning Zone
- Board member Herrick-March-Monarch
- Board member Hunt-April-PRN
- Board member Carpenter-May-Elevations
- Board member Coggins-June-Handprints

Dialogue Topics - Compliance Issues

- OFS will bring to FSB issues that rise to a certain level – issues that will potentially impact a school's authorization or accreditation
- If OFS staff or FSB board members wish to discuss a compliance issue at a FSB meeting, they will bring the issue to Judy and the board chair before the meeting to discuss adding it to the agenda. Compliance issues that are not discussed with Judy and the board chair before the meeting will not be added to the agenda.
- Discussions will be fact-based, not opinion-based.
- Discussions will be contained to FSB meetings; they will not carry over to email, conversations outside of meetings, etc.
- No confidential personnel or student information will be discussed.
- The conversations will be structured as follows:
  OFS - What's the issue and what has OFS done so far
  FSB - Questions, concerns, or suggestions
- There were concerns about ACES' use of restraint brought to the board. The OFS was contacted by several districts.

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Restraint and Seclusion DRAFT Policy
Jason Langberg presented a draft of a new policy for Specialized Day Schools. Included a timeline of policy

- February 12 FSB Discussion
- March 7-11 Policy revision
- March 12 Facility Schools Board approval
- March 13 Notice to specialized day schools
- July 1 Policy goes into effect
- Data will be going to OFS, and complaints go to ESSU

Facility Schools Board preparation for Spring/Fall 2026 State Board of Education meeting
Dr. Paul Foster advised the FSB on SBE protocol.

- Process for going to the State Board of Education
  - The revised timeline-board will have a regularly scheduled meeting at CDE on June 11, then will go to the State Board of Education meeting.
  - Dr. Foster, Judy Stirman, Wendy Dunaway, and Board Member Steen will be at the table. Others should attend the meeting and sit in the front row.
  - There may be another presentation in October if needed.
  - Not sure if this will be a consent or action item.

Board's Strategic Goals (Board Member Hunt, Board Member Coggins)
Board member Coggins offered the following as aspects of today's meeting that helped to fulfill the success measures of the Board's strategic plan goals:

- Objective of improving the website with more public resources (e.g. physical restraints policies)
- Using dialogue to express Board leadership on multiple topics and clarify current and future responsibilities (e.g. Accreditation reports)

CDE/ESSU/Facility Internal Updates, Judy Stirman - Working closely with Jason on restraint/seclusion guidance, and with Wendy on accreditation, including working to contract with SchoolWorks. More information to come regarding the summer board meeting. The State Board meeting is scheduled for June 10-11. The OFS board will try to meet on June 11, which is this board's (FSB) regularly scheduled meeting. A room will be reserved at CDE for this meeting, and then we will go to the SBE room.

Senate Bill Implementation - Wendy Dunaway - The Facility Schools Workgroup discussed the sustainability of state revenue funding under the current baseline funding formula. CDE has submitted their budget to the JBC. Potential new sites were included in that budget, limiting room for additional growth. The Workgroup discussed options pertaining to financial

sustainability of facility schools - Prioritization, Reduction, Formula adjustments. They will continue to discuss at their May meeting.

Technical Assistance Center - Allie Miller - Supporting districts with trainings such as the Q and A with a BCBA, Facility Schools 101 Lunch and Learn on March 31 at 12-1 pm, and continuing to support rural districts.

Data Management and Systems Support, Celina Ulibarri and Lori Kochevar - January attendance is due on Feb 15th. Reviewed hospital attendance with Dillinger. Lori, Celina, and Ann will be meeting regarding calendars and holding office hours. 2026-2027 calendars are due March 31st. December Staff is closing, used for data retention. Contracts starting for the 2026-27 school year. Working on accessibility pieces. Meeting with the tuition cost workgroup soon to finalize reports.

Academic Systems - Tara Butler - Hosting academic systems training, preparing for Kaleidoscope (Oct 29-30, 2026), and supporting schools with technical support.

Multilingual Support - Margarita Colindres -All about ACCESS testing, working on the ProjectEd contract adding Project ML to the current system.

Monitoring Update - Ann Symalla and Robin Singer - We completed a specialized IEP training for one school and a training for all teachers on Progress Monitoring, ESY, and Assessments. We completed three monitoring visits. While we don't generally share information about specific schools, we want to note that during our visit to Real Life, we observed children who clearly struggled with behavioral issues, contrary to what many districts believe about the program. There were no compliance visits during either visit. The special education team and Allie Miller attended the Courage to Risk conference and have many new learnings to bring back to the schools. We have a diploma that needs to be signed by a board member.

IEP System and State Assessments - Annie Haskins/Carrie Foster - Project Education:Held our monthly IPUG meeting with power users last week. Discussed IEP training plan for next year. They have liked our module-based training model, where we discuss IEP procedures combined with entering data into the IEP system. They are requesting that we provide on-demand modules next year, to make training more accessible. We are exploring recording options to support this training model for next year. State Assessments: The ACCESS assessment window closes tomorrow. We had a few schools have technology issues this year, which we supported. We are now helping our last two schools through some final tech issues and they are testing their last few students today. Our schools have several tasks to complete this month, in preparation for these assessments. This month we are preparing student data to be uploaded into all assessment systems. Then in March they will focus on completing test administration training.

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Assistant Attorney General - Jason Langberg -Draft of the Out of District manual needs to be reviewed by the OFS staff.

Adjournment of Meeting 1:45
Next meeting March 12, 2026, at Southglenn Library Meeting Room B (6972 S. Vine St., Centennial, CO 80122)