Cesar Chavez Public Charter School for Public Policy
Approved Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
April 8, 2026, from 6:30 - 8:30 pm
Location: Zoom

Board Members Present: Frances Whalen (Co-Chair), Natalie Gordon (Co-Chair), James Jordon, Dana Krein, Marillus Williams, Amina Brown, Ph.D., Gerardo Luna (Treasurer)

Board Members Absent: Peter Anderson, AJ Newell, Amber Haywood, Lonell Johnson, Antonio Ellis, Ed.D.

Others Present: Sanjay Mitchell (ED), Dequetta Tyree (interim Director of Finance & Operations)

Called to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm.

Approval of Agenda: Chair Whalen moved to approve the agenda; it passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda: The Board reviewed the following consent agenda items: (1) Draft meeting minutes for February 2025. The board also reviewed February 2025 Financials. All board members present voted to approve the consent agenda.

Discussion Items:

- Mr. Mitchell shared that Chavez scholars testified at a roundtable with the DC City Council and also shared that 36 scholars attended the 202 Mission Trip to Charleston, SC
- Mr. Mitchell shared that for SY 26-27, Chavez had an overall 18% match, down from ~23% in SY 25-26. He also shared that Chavez is facing the reality of fewer applications for currently available seats.
- Mr. MItchell also shared that re-enrollment is slower this year and that 88 families have completed InfoSnap and 22 are fully enrolled.
- **School Performance Committee:** Ms. Gordon shared that the MS received a score of 24.1/100 and was designated as "weak performance" on ASPIRE, and the HS received a score of 48.2/100 and was designated a Level 3 school, "satisfactory performance."
- Ms. Gordon also shared that Chavez MS has an ELA improvement story to protect and scale, but math intervention and subgroup monitoring should be the immediate board watchpoints. She also shared that, Chavez HS has an ELA strength to protect, a Geometry trend that is encouraging but incomplete, and an Algebra I risk that could weigh on both DC CAPE results and the ASPIRE high school framework.
- **Finance Committee Report:** Mr. Luna shared that at the end of February, Chavez increased an already healthy cash position, representing 194 days at year's end
    - Revenue adjustments - $90k increase – for SpEd Supplemental payments, NSLP, and a new renter
    - Expenses adjustments - $156k decrease primarily due to staffing finalized for the year
    - Our Cash Flow Adjustments in alignment with the changes above increased our cash position by $212k from last month
- Governance Committee: Dr. Brown put forth a motion to approve the nominations of two new community board members.

Motion: It is moved and properly seconded to approve the nominations of two community board members, Mr. Michael Russell and Mr. Barry Brinkley. The board voted unanimously in favor of adopting the motion.

Vote to end the Open Meeting and Move Into Closed Session: Upon motion and second, board members unanimously agreed to vote to end the open meeting and move into Closed Session, per the DC Open Meetings Act, 2-575, Section B.12., to train and develop members of a public body & staff. Motion was approved unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned: The meeting adjourned at 7:24 pm

Next Meeting: May 13, 2026.