

Cesar Chavez Public Charter School for Public Policy

Approved Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

May 13, 2026, from 5:30 — 7:30 pm

Location: Zoom

Board Members Present: Michael Russell, Natalie Gordon, Peter Anderson, Dana Krien, James Jordan, Dr. Amina Brown, Dr. Antonio Ellis, Gerardo Luna, Barry Brinkley, Frances Whalen, Lonell Johnson

Board Members Absent: Amber Haywood, Marullus Williams, AJ Newell

Others Present: Dr. Joshua Jackson, Sanjay Mitchell, Maya June, DeQuetta Tyree

Called to Order: 5:33 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 April 2026. The board also reviewed March Financials and Supplemental Financial Report. All board members present voted to approve the consent agenda.

Discussion Items:

- Mr. Mitchell recognized Teacher Appreciation Week highlights, including the breakfast, Chavez Swag Day, Wind Down Wednesday, Get Out Of School Early Day.
- Mr. Mitchell highlighted recent and upcoming events:
 - Thesis Night
 - CAPE Exams
 - Symposium — May 28th
 - Fellowship Program — May 26th through June 12th
 - Promotion and Graduation — June 15th
- Mr. Mitchell moved to the enrollment update, mentioning that as of May 12th, 93 students are fully enrolled, an increase of 20 from the previous count.
- He later mentioned that 436 students are currently in the application pipeline.
- He identified the conversion rate from application to enrollment as a primary area of concern and emphasized the goal of closing the gap between registration and final enrollment.
- He shared that the enrollment strategy is currently in Phase II: Making the Connection Official, which focuses on:
 - Building excitement and commitment around the school.
 - Active daily outreach through calls and emails to matched and waitlisted families.
- Mr. Mitchell led a board discussion regarding external market factors, specifically asking: “Where are we underestimating competition or changing family expectations?”

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: 6:12 PM

Next Meeting: June 17, 2026