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Agenda of the Meeting of the Children's Aid College Prep Charter School Trustees
March 11, 2026
Trustee Meeting will be in-person at 1232 Southern Blvd, or at Children's Aid Headquarters at 117 West 124th Street, NY, NY 10027 or via Zoom.

Planned Outcomes: Trustees will:
1. Approve **March 2026** Meeting Minutes
2. Receive Head of School Report
3. Receive Committee Reports

Time	Lead	Item	Materials
5:00–5:05 PM	DeLong	**Approval of February 2026 meeting minutes**	Draft Minutes
5:05-5:15PM	Brown	**Connection to Purpose:** Youth Leadership and Mastery Season Updates	
5:15– 5:30PM	Brown	**Head of School Report**	Dashboard and Head of School Report
5:30-5:35PM	Rumph	**Finance Committee Report**	
5:35-5:40PM	Leventhal	**Governance Committee Report**	
5:40–5:45PM	Goldman	**Learning and Achievement Committee Report**	
5:45–5:50PM	DeLong/Brown	**Executive Session**	

Current Committee Assignments

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Chair – Michelle DeLong
Vice Chair – Beth Leventhal
Secretary – Nina Bershadker
Treasurer- Michelle Rumph</td></tr>
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Board of Trustees 2025-26 Proposed Meeting Calendar

drafted: July 16, 2025

	SUNY and NYSED Reporting Deadlines	General Board Meeting	Governance	Learning, Achievement & Evaluation	Finance and Audit
Trustees	*(*)denotes change in date due to holidays or other reasons*	All	Chair: Leventhal	Chair: Goldman	Chair: Rumph
NOTES	Reporting requirements due on the 1st of the month will be reviewed during the relevant committee meeting and full board meeting the month prior; reporting requirements due on the 15th of the month or later will be reviewed at the relevant committee meeting and full board meeting held earlier the same month.	Meetings are held at 5:00PM on the second Wednesday of every month unless otherwise noted *. Monthly meetings will be held at 1232 Southern Blvd., 117 West 124th Street or via Zoom (if needed).	Meetings are held at 8am quarterly.	Meetings are held at 9:30AM or 2:00PM depending on schedule of classroom visits.	Meetings are held at 4:00PM on the Monday prior to the full Board meeting. The Committee reviews the data from two months prior (i.e. the Committee reviews the June close in August and the July close in September).
July		7/9			
Aug	8/1 – Annual Report 8/1 – Q4 Financial Report 8/30 Policy reviews -child abuse reporting, whistleblower, complaint policy	8/13			8/11 @4pm
Sept	9/15 – Accountability Plan Progress Report Review and approve Title funding policies: Title funding financial policies and procedures; parent engagement	9/10	9/10 @ 8am	9/15 (@9:30AM	9/8 @4pm
Oct	10/3 Board Members Bio/Resume Packet 10/15 District and School Safety Plans	10/29*			10/27* @4pm • Annual Financial Audit Review
Nov	11/1 – Annual Financial Audit and 990 11/15 – Q1 Financial Report	11/19*		11/24 (@2PM)	11/17* @4pm
Dec		12/10	12/2 @8am		12/8 @4pm

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	SUNY and NYSED Reporting Deadlines	General Board Meeting	Governance	Learning, Achievement & Evaluation	Finance and Audit
Jan	1/2 – Student Application Form	1/7		1/26 (@2PM)	1/5 @4pm • Orient Committee to CA/CACPCS budget launch priorities • Review and approve any recommended school Fiscal Policies and Procedures Manual changes
Feb	2/15 – Q2 Financial Report	2/11			2/9 @4pm • Initial FY27 Wraparound Budget Review • Uniform Guidance Federal Audit (tentative)
Mar		3/11	3/4 @8am	3/23 (@9:30AM)	3/9 @4pm • Budget Review • Final approval of FY27 wraparound budget
Apr	4/15 – Facilities Reporting Questionnaire	4/8			4/6 @4pm • Review Full FY27 Budget draft • Medical insurance Review • General Liability Insurance Review • Review 990
May	5/1 – Application and Admissions Summary 5/15 – Facility reporting 5/15 – Q3 Financial Report	5/13		5/18 (@2PM)	5/11 @4pm • Review and finalize FY27 full budget
June	6/30 – Annual Budget	6/10 (ANNUAL MEETING)	6/3 @8am		6/8 @4pm • FY27 Budget Final Review
July 2026		7/8			
August 2026		8/12			8/10 @4pm

Meeting Minutes of Children's Aid College Prep Charter School Board of Trustees
February 11, 2026
Trustee Meeting held in Person and via Zoom

Trustees via Zoom Nina Bershadker Michelle DeLong Michelle Rumph Sandra Escamilla Anita Velasquez **Trustees via Zoom** Beth Leventhal Phoebe Boyer Jane Goldman	**Others in Attendance In Person** Drema Brown, Head of School Luisana Olivo, Senior Manager of Operations **Others in Attendance via Zoom** Dr. Robin Fleshman, Principal Betsy Lamourtte, CACPCS Teacher and Parent

Welcome

Trustee DeLong called the meeting to order at 5:03PM.

Trustee Bershadker moved to approve the January 2026 meeting minutes. Trustee Rumph seconded the motion. The December meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

Connection to Purpose

Principal Fleshman provided the Trustees with an update on the academic performance of scholars in Grades 6-8. Principal Fleshman grounded the meeting in the school's mission by highlighting the strong academic growth reflected in the ANET interim assessment data, particularly within for the Regents classes in Grades 7 and 8. She emphasized the intentional development of a comprehensive middle school Regents program, now offering four subjects: Algebra 1, English 1, Biology, and U.S. History & Government.

The 801 Regents class demonstrated significant gains, achieving 81% proficiency in Math (up from 55%) and 98% proficiency in English 1 (up from 77%). She underscored that ANET assessments are more rigorous than New York state exams and serve as strong predictors of state performance.

Principal Fleshman also connected the push to increase the access to more rigorous curriculum at CACPCS's middle school to long-term student success, explaining how the accelerated pathway begins in 6th grade and requires proficiency across all subjects to enter the pre-Regents classes in 7th Grade. Despite initial concerns from some staff and staffing challenges associated with retaining and training staff to deliver curriculum at this level in middle school, the Regents program has been intentionally developed over several years to ensure scholars are well-prepared for high school.

Head of School Report

- The Head of School provided the following updates about several key operational priorities, including student recruitment, elementary-to-middle school alignment, and high school readiness efforts that have been ongoing priorities for her this year. Specifically, the noted the following:

- Current enrollment stands at 618 students, with recruitment for 2026–27 underway. While technical issues with the Common Application slowed early submissions, outreach efforts—including word-of-mouth referrals and in-person events—have been effective. The Common App will remain open through August, and outreach will continue through the summer with updated signage and billboards.
- Dr. Brown also discussed efforts to strengthen the transition from elementary to middle school, noting that only approximately 40% of the highest-performing 5th graders currently matriculate to the middle school. To address this, the team has implemented teacher inter-visitations, aligned expectations around homework and writing, and created additional engagement opportunities for 5th grade families to continue to close the persistent gaps in academic performance in Grade 6.
- Additionally, Dr. Brown shared the success of the first annual Charter High School Fair, which hosted 16 charter high schools and provided 8th graders and their families with meaningful exposure to charter high school options.

Finance and Audit Committee

The Finance and Audit Committee reported that enrollment trends and recruitment efforts were discussed in the last Finance meeting as maintaining strong enrollment remains a key financial priority for the 2026–27 school year. The Head of School and Finance Committee have continued to project a surplus at the close of FY26 due to higher-than-budgeted enrollment.

Governance

There were no updates from the Governance Committee.

Learning, Achievement, and Evaluation

There were no additional updates from the Learning, Achievement and Evaluation Committee.

Trustee Escamilla acknowledged her time and experience on the CACPCS Board of Trustees as she confirmed her upcoming resignation from the Board of Trustees as she transitions to a new role as Commissioner of the NYC Department of Youth and Community Development. The Head of School and Trustees thanked her for your contributions as a member of the CACPCS Board of Trustees.

Executive Session

The Trustees went into Executive Session at 6:08pm to discuss Board member transitions.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30pm.