CESAR CHAVEZ PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES

Date: September 18, 2026
Location: Virtual Meeting via Zoom
Call to Order: 7:03 p.m.
Adjournment: 8:10 p.m.
Meeting Duration: 1 hour, 7 minutes

Final Approved Minutes

I. Call to Order

The Cesar Chavez Public Charter Schools Board of Trustees convened virtually via Zoom at 7:03 p.m.

The meeting was held to elect Board leadership positions and consider a governance motion regarding the Executive Director's performance evaluation and approval process.

II. Attendance

The following nine Board members were in attendance:

> Lonell Johnson, Barry Brinkly, Peter Anderson, Natalie Gordon, Amina Brown, James Jordan, Michael Russell, Gerry Luna, Marullus Williams

The following two Board members were absent:

> Antonio Ellis, Dana Krein

Total Attendance: Nine Board members.

III. Election of Board Officers

A. Uncontested Officer Elections

The following candidates ran uncontested and were elected to their respective positions:

- **Michael Russell — Board Co-Chair**
- **Gerry Luna — Treasurer**

B. Election of Board Chair

Two candidates were nominated for the position of Board Chair:

- Amina Brown
- James Jordan

The Board temporarily excused both candidates from the larger Zoom meeting while the remaining Board members deliberated on their candidacies.

After deliberations, the Board invited both candidates to return to the larger Zoom session. Each candidate was provided up to two minutes to respond to the question:

"Why do you want to be Board Chair?"

After the candidates' presentations, the Board held a formal vote.

Election Results:

- James Jordan: Five votes
- Amina Brown: Four votes

Result: James Jordan was elected Board Chair by a vote of **5–4**.

C. Election of Board Secretary

After electing the Board Chair, Peter Anderson formally nominated Amina Brown to serve as Board Secretary.

Amina Brown accepted the nomination and expressed her willingness to serve.

The Board then voted formally on the nomination.

Voting Results:

- In Favor: Nine
- Opposed: Zero
- Abstentions: Zero

Result: Amina Brown was unanimously elected Board Secretary by a vote of **9–0**.

IV. Executive Director Performance Evaluation — Delegation of Voting Authority

After the officer elections, Natalie Gordon moved to approve the process for the Executive Director's performance evaluation.

Motion:

To authorize the Executive Board to review and vote on the Executive Director's performance evaluation without requiring the evaluation to return to the full Board of Trustees for an additional approval vote.

The motion was intended to streamline the evaluation process and delegate final voting authority to the Executive Board.

Voting Results:

- In Favor: Nine
- Opposed: Zero
- Abstentions: Zero

Result: The motion passed unanimously by a vote of **9–0**.

The Board approved the delegation of voting authority concerning the Executive Director's performance evaluation to the Executive Board, subject to applicable governance requirements.

V. Summary of Board Actions

Board Action	Outcome
Election of Board Chair	James Jordan elected, 5–4
Election of Board Co-Chair	Michael Russell elected, uncontested
Election of Treasurer	Gerry Luna elected, uncontested
Election of Board Secretary	Amina Brown elected unanimously, 9–0
Executive Director Evaluation Voting Authority	Approved unanimously, 9–0

VI. Adjournment

After completing the officer elections and considering the Executive Director evaluation governance motion, the Board concluded its meeting at 8:10 p.m.

No additional motions or formal actions were reported.

VII. Certification of Meeting Minutes

These minutes document the proceedings, elections, motions, and decisions of the Cesar Chavez Public Charter Schools Board of Trustees meeting held on October 28, 2026.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Amina Brown, Ed.D.
Board Secretary
Cesar Chavez Public Charter Schools