



A Classical Education for the Modern World

## Board of Governors Meeting

Washington Latin Public Charter School  
5200 2nd Street, NW  
Washington, DC  
Thursday, April 18, 2019, 6:15PM

**Governors Present:** C. Wilkinson, T. Morgan, L. Ballenger M. Demeke

**Governors Participating Via Phone:** B. Caldwell, A. Graham, G. Matthews, H. Rawlings

**Regrets:** K. Cole, C. Culver, R. Dalal, R. Greiff, A.E. Lovett, P. Mara (on leave)

**Head of School:** Peter Anderson

### Guests:

- Diana Smith, WLPCS Principal
- Kate Cromwell, WLPCS Director of Development and Communications
- Geovanna Izurieta, WLPCS Director of Finance
- Lauren Miller, Bellwether Education Partners
- Kearney Shanahan, Shanahan Law Firm (via phone)

1. **Call to Order:** Mr. Wilkinson called the meeting to order at 6:15 PM.
2. **Growth Committee:** Mr. Anderson shared the status of Latin's charter amendment application to the DC Public Charter School Board (DCPCSB), submitted on April 5, 2019. He reported that DCPCS staff found the application comprehensive and thorough. Mr. Anderson encouraged all Board members to attend the hearing on May 20 at which our application would be reviewed and discussed.

The school's strategic priorities for growth were discussed, including leveraging our diversity, strengthening our supports for struggling students, ensuring our classical mission is refined and sustained, further developing our faculty pipeline and career pathways, and bolstering our long-term operational sustainability. These priorities will guide Latin's work over the coming years. The organizational chart and hiring plans were also shared and discussed.

Mr. Anderson shared that the parent forum on Latin's growth plans on April 17 had gone well. Parents asked a range of questions but expressed no opposition.

3. **Finance Committee:** Ms. Izurieta presented the full FY20 budget for Board review and approval. This proposal includes the new school's costs during the planning year. After a motion made and duly seconded the Board of Governors unanimously approved the FY20 budget.

**DECISION 19-04-01: The board voted to accept and approve the FY20 budget as recommended by the Finance Committee.**

4. **Development Committee:** Ms. Cromwell reported on the Convivium event held April 11 at the Charles Sumner School. The event was considered a success, and the Committee is moving forward with follow up plans for guests.
5. **Governance Committee:** Mr. Wilkinson explained a proposed change to the Bylaws regarding that all Board terms end at the conclusion of the school/fiscal year of the third year of service. This will be voted on in a future meeting. He added that Board candidates are coming from Charter Board Partners and personal recommendations.
6. **Head of School Report:** Mr. Anderson briefly reviewed the major points in his monthly report, focusing on student enrollment matters and anticipated personnel changes.
7. **Closing:** Mr. Wilkinson adjourned the meeting at 8:00 PM and moved the Governors into executive session.