



A Classical Education for the Modern World

Board of Governors Meeting

Washington Latin Public Charter School
5200 2nd Street, NW, Washington, DC
Thursday, May 16, 2019, 6:15PM

Governors Present: A.E. Lovett, T. Morgan, B. Caldwell, C. Culver, A. Graham, G. Matthews, M. Demeke

Governors Participating Via Phone: C. Wilkinson

Regrets: H. Rawlings, K. Cole, P. Mara (on leave), R. Greiff, R. Dalal, L. Ballenger

Head of School: Peter Anderson

Guests:

- Diana Smith, WLPCS Principal
- Kate Cromwell, WLPCS Director of Development and Communications
- Geovanna Izurieta, WLPCS Director of Finance

1. **Call to Order:** Ms. Lovett called the meeting to order at 6:20 PM.
2. **Growth Committee:** Participants discussed the visit of the Charter School Growth Fund (CSGF) to Latin that day. The visit went well. The CSGF team will recommend a slate of applicants for funding to their board for approval, with a final decision expected in June.

Mr. Anderson reported on the upcoming DC Public Charter School Board hearing on May 20 at which Latin's Charter Amendment Application would be discussed. Public comment had been opened, and parents, faculty, and board would attend the hearing and testify on behalf of the school. Mr. Anderson also discussed the questions he expected from PCSB and the data to be gathered in advance of the hearing in order to answer expected questions, particularly around discipline rates.

Finally, Mr. Anderson reviewed the growth business plan shared with Board members. The presentation includes an overview of Washington Latin, our vision for growth, and our strategic priorities and related initiatives for the expansion. The Board discussed plans for the key priority of serving more at-risk students and improving their academic outcomes.

3. **Governance Committee:** Ms. Lovett asked members to consider joining the Governance Committee to help with identifying and vetting board candidates, especially important as several governors' terms come to an end. The Committee has been working with Charter Board Partners, as well as working through personal networks, to identify candidates with expertise in areas needed to help steer our growth process. Finally, the Committee suggested rationalizing the board terms to coincide with the end of the school year, to be voted on at the June meeting. Christina Culver committed to staying on the Board through June 2020.
4. **Development Committee:** Ms. Cromwell reported on spring events, Convivium and Bacchanalia, both of which support the Faculty Fund, and on the status of all fundraising year-to-date, noting that fundraising is on track for the year. The Committee will continue to reach out to major prospects through the end of the school year.
5. **Finance Committee:** Ms. Izurieta reported on behalf of the Committee, noting that the school is overall in good financial shape and will end the year below budget. Mr. Morgan added that some of the overage could be applied towards hiring bonuses if needed during the busy hiring season.
6. **Head of School Report:** Mr. Anderson briefly reviewed the major points in his report, focusing on personnel changes, disciplinary matters, and the hiring plans in anticipation of expansion.
7. **Closing:** Ms. Lovett adjourned the meeting at 8:15 PM and moved the Governors into executive session.