



Perspectives

Perspectives Board Meeting

March 7, 2024, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

1530 S. State Street, 2nd Floor, Chicago, IL 60605

Zoom: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82947481064>

Board Members Present:

Hall Adams (In Person)
DeEtta Jones (via Zoom)
Rick Fezell (via Zoom)
Michelle Handy (In Person)
Adrienne Irmer (In Person)
Bill Mack (in Person)
Kathleen Murray (In Person)
Sheree Speakman (In Person)
Alex Silverberg (In Person)
Deborah Stevens (In Person)
LaMarr Taylor (via Zoom)
Andrew Ward (in Person)
Loren Weil (via Zoom)
George Wright (In Person)

Board Members Absent

Ikram Goldman
Razia Hutchins
Andrew Killion
Kim Waller

Guest:

Demitri Handy (in Person)

Opening: The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am

The Conflict-of-Interest Policy was reviewed. Board Members were asked if there were any Conflicts of Interest, and none were cited.

A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved (9 In Person & 4 via Zoom; Alex Silverberg abstained) to approve the appointment of Alex Silverberg, Senior Corporate Counsel, transactions at Amgen, Deerfield, IL. Alex will complete the remaining term of Holly Copeland who joined Perspectives Charter Schools as Executive Vice President of External Affairs.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Minutes of the Meetings of November 2, 2023. (10 In Person & 4 via Zoom).

Stephen Todd, Paulette Jordan, and TyNeisha Banks discussed Safety & Security at Perspectives Charter Schools. Much discussion followed about the extension of the schools' responsibilities as city officials and police leadership expect our staff to be present in the 87th street mall near PLC, State Street near MSA, and the area shops surrounding Joslin. A lively discussion was had about the number, quality, pay and use of our security guards. Staff will report back with additional information at an upcoming meeting.



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The REDI/Education Committee presented an update on our students' starting point on MTSS screeners, both for academics and SEL and our strategies to address including:

- Strong, Flexible Instruction
 - High Quality Instructional Materials
 - Shifting away from direct instructional models towards more innovative models (Blended Learning, Project – Based Learning, Workshop Models, etc.)
 - Instructional Leader support to better target teacher and student growth
- Aspirational ADL Culture
 - Restorative Practices
 - Experiential Learning Experiences
 - ADL Advisory

PLA and MSA ISBE Comprehensive ratings were discussed along with strategies to address. The Board had many questions about the ratings and the schools' activities to address.

A comparison of our schools' ISBE overall ratings versus the CPS schools that they would be zoned to attend.

External Affairs presented its FY24 strategic plan and staffing. Also discussed were activities to date, planned activities, and Gala plans.

Finance Committee presented on FY24 December YTD Dashboard, enrollment update, including the second count, FY24 & FY25 Forecasts, a construction update on last summer's PLC project and the work done to add classrooms over winter break, the PLC expansion project planned for next summer, and the Investment portfolio. The Board voted unanimously (10 in person & 4 viz Zoom) to use our investment funds to pay for the \$3.6 million construction project to build 6 classrooms, a cafeteria/gym, and additional washrooms. Once our application for ERC credits is approved, the Investments would be replaced.