

## **MINUTES**

DSST Public Schools Board Meeting  
February 12, 2026  
DSST: Home Office

**Meeting Called to Order:** 2:08 p.m.

**Board Members Present:**

Alyssa Whitehead-Bust\*  
Andrew Goldin  
Andrew Sinclair  
Billy Brown\*  
David Greenberg  
David Suppes  
Deanna Campos Miller  
Dominick Moreno  
Fatima Rezaie  
Dr. Jean Kutner  
Mary Haynes  
Medford Moorer

**Parent/Guardian Present:** Yazmine Rivera, Cedar Parent

**Board Members Absent:** Patrick O'Rourke, Jim Taylor

**DSST Staff Present:** Dr. Aaron Griffen, Andrew Mendrop, Analise Gonzalez-Fine, Dr. Antwan Wilson, Carrie Ramsey, Dr. Joe Cicchese, Luisa Harkins, Nella García Urban, Nick Plantan, Nicole Fulbright\*, Rashmi Ryan-Brundin, Tamara Ghandour  
**Guests:** Bailey Burkhardt, Samantha Barton, Rob Constanzo, Lily Brown – DSST Cedar HS  
Dr. Ryan Burton, Lizeth Martinez – DSST Home Office  
Valerie Wilkinson, Carolina DeLaTorre – DSST CG HS  
Jamie Villa, Jacqueline Morales – DSST AST HS

**DPS Staff Present:** None

**Others Present:** Amber Medina, Jessie Jennett & Cynthia of Denver Families

**Public Comment:** None

\* = Joined virtually

**Welcome:**

Ms. Haynes welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**Approval Items:**

**Motion to approve previous board meeting minutes (December 11, 2025), Kutner**

**Second: Moorer**

**Vote:** Unanimous approval

**Motion to approve DSST Calendar for School Year 2026-27, Suppes**

**Second: Greenberg**

**Vote:** Unanimous approval

**Discussion:**

**CEO Report:** Ms. García Urban provided updates to the board on progress on academic proficiency, Colorado School Performance Framework trajectory, staff retention, and round 1 student recruitment.

Ms. Garcia Urban asked board members to volunteer to attend High School graduations in May.

**Big 5 Mid-Year Performance Review**

Dr. Wilson gave an update on academic performance and attendance. The board engaged in small group discussions to affirm or accelerate DSST's approach.

**College Success Panel:**

Ms. Martinez, VP of Academic Program, facilitated a panel with Dr. Ryan Burton, Director of College Initiatives. Panelists were Jamie Villa, Campus Director of College Success at DSST: Aurora Science & Tech High School, Jacqueline Morales, Aurora Science & Tech High School student, Valerie Wilkinson, Campus Director of College Success at DSST: Conservatory Green High School, Carolina DeLaTorre, Conservatory Green High School student. The group engaged in a question-and-answer session with Ms. Martinez and board members.

**Reports:**

The Advancement Committee shared upcoming external events, including plans for Brunch Before the Bash.

**Executive Session:**

Ms. Haynes stated, "I would entertain a motion to go into Executive Session as permitted by the Colorado Open Meetings Act for the purpose of considering the following matters:

Colorado Revised Statute 24-6-402

- (4) (a) Concerning the purchase, acquisition, lease, transfer, or sale of any real, personal, or other property interest.

**Motion to go into Executive Session, Moreno**

**Second: Miller**

**Vote:** Unanimous approval

**Motion to adjourn Executive Session, Suppes**

**Second: Kutner**

**Vote:** Unanimous approval

**Motion to adjourn board meeting, Greenberg**

**Second: Goldin**

**Vote:** Unanimous approval

Respectfully Submitted,

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Luisa Harkins (note-taker), Secretary