

MINUTES

DSST Public Schools Board Meeting

May 15, 2025

DSST: Home Office, Blue Sky

Meeting Called to Order: 2:06 p.m.

Board Members Present:

Alyssa Whitehead-Bust*

Andrew Sinclair

Billy Brown

Brenda J Allen

David Greenberg

Deanna Campos Miller

Fatima Rezaie

Glenn Russo

Jean Kutner*

Jim Taylor

Mary Haynes

Medford Moorer*

**Joined via Microsoft Teams*

Parent/Guardian Present: None

Board Members Absent:, David Suppes, Dominick Moreno, Patrick O'Rourke

DSST Staff Present: Aaron Griffen*, Andrew Mendrop, Antwan Wilson, Carrie Ramsey, Danielle Felder, Heather Koehler, Luisa Harkins, Megan McBryde, Nella García Urban, Nick Plantan, Nicole Fulbright*, Steve Coit.

HO Exceptional Learner Team: Liz Caffrey, Amanda Baram, Avery Yaros, Carlitha Wilson, Kim Cini, Kristen McClellan.

DPS Staff Present: None

Others Present: None

Public Comment: None

Welcome:

Mr. Russo welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Ms. Garcia Urban introduced the DSST Home Office Exceptional Learner Team, and honored their exceptional work. The team then engaged in a Q&A with the board.

Approval Items:

Motion to approve previous board meeting minutes (March 13, 2025), Taylor

Second: Haynes

Vote: Unanimous approval

Discussion:

CEO Report: Ms. García Urban provided updates to the board on School Director retention, transformational talent, testing, attendance, culture, safety, and supports. Ms. Garcia Urban also announced the hiring of the Head of Growth role, and provided an update on the Big 5 progress to year end goal.

Network Report Card Measures for 25-26: Ms. Ramsey provided the board with an update on improvements to the network report card for the 25-26 school year. Ms. Ramsey also shared the Board of Directors draft scope and sequence for the 25-26 school year.

25-26 Budget Approval: Mr. Plantain and Ms. McBryde presented the school year 25-26 budget for approval.

Motion to approve the 25-26 Budget as presented, Russo

Second: Brown

Vote: Unanimous approval

25-26 Board Plans: Mr. Russo shared an update on board members' terms and requested input from the board on potential new board members. Mr. Russo also shared that he will be looking to update the bylaws.

Reports:

Mr. Mendrop provided an update from the Advancement Committee on fundraising totals, and board giving.

Executive Session:

Mr. Russo 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) (e) Determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations; developing strategy for negotiations; and instructing negotiators.

(2) Pursuant to Colorado Revised Statute 24-6-402

- (4) (f) Regarding personnel matters.

Motion to go into Executive Session, Greenberg

Second: Haynes

Vote: Unanimous approval

Motion to adjourn Executive Session, Greenberg

Second: Haynes

Vote: Unanimous approval

Motion to adjourn board meeting, Russo

Second: Taylor

Vote: Unanimous approval

Respectfully Submitted,

Luisa Harkins (note-taker), Secretary