

MINUTES

DSST Public Schools Board Meeting

Sep 10, 2026
DSST: Elevate

Meeting Called to Order: 2:02 p.m.

Board Members Present

- Alyssa Whitehead-Bust
- Andrew Goldin
- Billy Brown
- Deanna Campos
- Dominick Moreno
- Dr. Jean Kutner
- Jim Taylor*
- Mary Haynes
- Medford Moorer*

Parent/Guardian Present

None

Board Members Absent

Andrew Sinclair, David Suppes, Fatima Rezaie, Patrick O'Rourke

DSST Staff Present

Dr. Aaron Griffen, Andrew Mendrop, Analise Gonzalez-Fine, Dr. Antwan Wilson, Carrie Ramsey, Emily Felsenthal, Kaitlin Glenn, Lindsay Agbalokwu, Luisa Harkins, Nella García Urban, Nick Plantan, Nicole Fulbright*, Steve Coit, Tamara Ghandour

DPS Staff Present

Karley Ford

Others Present

None

Note: An asterisk after a name indicates the person joined virtually.

Welcome

Ms. Haynes welcomed everyone to the meeting, including Karley Ford, our DPS guest.

Approval Items

Motion to approve previous board meeting minutes (May 28, 2026), Kutner

Second: Whitehead Bust

Vote: Unanimous approval

Discussion

SD Welcome

Ms. Felsenthal, Elevate High School Director, and Ms. Agbalokwu, Elevate Middle School Director, shared celebrations and accomplishments and responded to questions from Ms. Garcia Urban and the board.

CEO Report

Ms. García Urban provided updates to the board on the strong start to the 2026-27 school year including enrollment, hiring, coaching, teaching, attendance, persistence efforts, and family outreach.

Big 5 Performance Review

Dr. Wilson provided updates to the board on the school year 2025-6 academic results. Ms. Ghandour shared the transformational talent retention rate. Ms. Ramsey shared Colorado SPF performance results.

The Board engaged in a small group strategic discussion as well as a reflection with the full group on DSST's results.

26-27 Board Overview

Ms. Haynes and Ms. Garcia Urban shared the Board Committee roster and shared the key findings of the board survey. They also shared key dates and events for this school year.

Reports

Finance, Operations & Audit Committee

Mr. Plantan shared strong financial results for the year end.

Academic Impact Committee

Ms. Whitehead-Bust shared the committee preapproved the proposed network report card including targets and agreed that proposed 2026-7 targets were data-informed and ambitious.

Motion to approve 2026-27 Network Report Card, Whitehead-Bust

Second: Moreno

Vote: Unanimous approval

Advancement & Nominating Committee

Mr. Mendrop shared an update on fundraising and board candidates.

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) (c) Confidential Legal Matters: Discussions on matters required to be kept confidential by federal or state law, or rules/regulations (30 minutes).

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- (f) (I) to discuss personnel matters related to the performance of the Chief Executive Officer (30 minutes).

Motion to go into Executive Session, Moreno

Second: Whitehead-Bust

Vote: Unanimous approval

Motion to adjourn Executive Session, Moreno

Second: Kutner

Vote: Unanimous approval

Motion to adjourn board meeting, Kutner

Second: Campos

Vote: Unanimous approval

Respectfully Submitted,

Luisa Harkins, Note-taker and Secretary