TECH FREIRE
CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

JUNE 30, 2026 | 8:30 AM
Meeting ID: 893 4922 5691
LOCATION: TECH FREIRE CHARTER SCHOOL (2221 N. BROAD STREET, PHILADELPHIA, PA 19132)

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Dawn Eubanks, Linda Kilpatrick, Bruce Lesser, Scott Solomon

OTHERS PRESENT: Kiara Allison, Leigh Botwinik, Brian Galetto, Chris Moore, Kathleen O'Connell, Paul Ramirez, Melanie Reiser, Chuck Rudalavage, Youseff Tannous, Ben Wainwright, Madeline Weckel, Nathan Yufer, Andrea Zepp

Meeting Start, 8:32 AM

I. **Public Comment**
   A. No comment.

II. **Resolutions**
   A. Review & Approve Minutes from June 10, 2026 *(Attachment 2A)**
      1. Linda Kilpatrick makes a motion to approve. Dawn Eubanks seconds.
      2. Dawn Eubanks, Linda Kilpatrick, Bruce Lesser, and Scott Solomon vote in favor. There are no votes against or abstentions.

   B. Review & Approve Amended Graduation Policy (*(Attachment 2B)**
      1. Leigh Botwinik presents the Amended Graduation Policy.
      2. Dawn Eubanks makes a motion to approve. Linda Kilpatrick seconds.
      3. Dawn Eubanks, Linda Kilpatrick, Bruce Lesser, and Scott Solomon vote in favor. There are no votes against or abstentions.

   C. Review & Approve Student & Family Handbook *(Attachment 2C)**
      1. Leigh Botwinik presents the Student & Family Handbook. She highlights updates to the format and attendance policy.
      2. Bruce Lesser makes a motion to approve. Linda Kilpatrick seconds.
      3. Dawn Eubanks, Linda Kilpatrick, Bruce Lesser, and Scott Solomon vote in favor. There are no votes against or abstentions.

   D. Review & Approve FY 2027 Budget *(Attachment 2D)**
      1. Nathan Yufer presents the FY27 Budget. He notes the budget is based on an enrollment of 500 students and 67 full time FTEs and one part time FTE (an increase of one over the previous year).
      2. Linda Kilpatrick makes a motion to approve. Dawn Eubanks seconds.
      3. Dawn Eubanks, Linda Kilpatrick, Bruce Lesser, and Scott Solomon vote in favor. There are no votes against or abstentions.

   E. Review & Approve Financial Policies *(Attachment 2E)**
      1. Nathan Yufer presents the Financial Policies/internal controls manual.
      2. Linda Kilpatrick makes a motion to approve. Dawn Eubanks seconds.
      3. Dawn Eubanks, Linda Kilpatrick, Bruce Lesser, and Scott Solomon vote in favor. There are no votes against or abstentions.

   F. Appoint Audit Committee*
      1. The board discusses the audit committee.
      2. Bruce Lesser makes a motion to appoint Linda Kilpatrick and Scott Solomon to the audit committee. Dawn Eubanks seconds.

3. Dawn Eubanks, Linda Kilpatrick, Bruce Lesser, and Scott Solomon vote in favor. There are no votes against or abstentions.

III. School Report

A. Heads Report

1. Brian Galetto shares reflections from the 2025-2026 school year. He highlights the growth in attendance, noting that average daily attendance has been the highest it's ever been. He also notes that teachers and staff have ensured "Think, Build, Do" is embedded throughout classrooms. He commends the leadership team for their efforts during his parental leave, and is proud of the entire TECH community for pulling together and supporting one another after the loss of a student in the fall.

B. Freire Network Dashboard *(Attachment 3B)*

1. See above.

C. College Report *(Attachment 3C)*

1. Leigh presents the College Report. 98% of graduates have been accepted to at least one 2-year or 4-year college.

IV. Advancement

A. Advancement Report *(Attachment 4)*

1. Melanie Reiser presents the Advancement Report. To date, $378K in unrestricted donations have been raised and we are expecting an additional $30K gift. Overall, we are $267K short of our fundraising goal, which is about $60K less than what we netted last year. Melanie notes that the advancement team will be reflecting upon trends from this year and planning accordingly for the upcoming year. She also notes that while the annual fundraising goal was not met, EITC giving is up $31K over last year and other donors have shown interest in this option. We have also received more restricted gifts specifically for our Freire Forward Experienceship programming.

V. Governance

A. Annual Evaluation of Freire Network *(Attachment 5A)*

1. Leigh Botwinik presents the Annual Evaluation Results of FSC. She notes that Heads provided feedback around creating FAQs for the implementation of various non-academic policies.

B. Board Member Self Evaluation *(Attachment 5B)*

1. Leigh Botwinik presents the Board Member Self Evaluation, noting that responses were largely positive, with one area of growth noted around board development and recruitment.

C. Public Comment Protocol & Guidelines *(Attachment 5C)*

1. Leigh Botwinik presents the Public Comment Protocol & Guidelines. The board reviews the document.

D. Board Training

1. Madeline Weckel reminds board members about required governance training.

**Requires Vote*

The next Board Meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, September 9, 2026 at 8:30 AM** at 1026 Market St.

TECH Freire Charter School provides a college-preparatory learning experience specializing in computer science and entrepreneurship with a focus on individual freedom, critical thinking, and problem solving in an environment that emphasizes the values of community, teamwork, equity, and commitment to peace.