

**ALAIN LOCKE CHARTER SCHOOL
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING**

**HELD April 27, 2026
4:15 PM – 6:00 PM
Accelerate Institute
833 W. Jackson, Suite 800
Chicago, IL 60607**

Directors Present: Catherine Burns, Chair

Nora Ligurotis
John McLaughlin
Steve Perlman
Patrick G. Ryan, Jr.
Carla Black
Robert Horne (video)

Directors Absent: Nosa Ehimwenman

Shabree Todd
James Palos

Staff Present: Patrick Love
Judy McGarvey
Erin Gilmore

Staff Absent: Vonyell Foster

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Burns at 4:32 p.m.

Mr. Patrick Love presented the Mission Moment and shared that 22 seventh and eighth-grade students participated in the Chicago Metro History Day state qualifier competition. Four students qualified to advance to the state finals, which will take place on May 1, 2026, in Springfield, Illinois.

The meeting was opened for public comment. No members of the public were present, and no public comments were made.

The Board recognized Secretary Erin Gilmore, who will begin maternity leave starting in June, and expressed appreciation for her service and contributions to the Board.

The following items were approved unanimously upon a motion by John McLaughlin and seconded by Nora Ligurotis:

- Meeting Minutes: October 2025, January 2026, and March 2026
- Financial Statements as of March 31, 2026
- FY27 Budget
- 2024–2025 Audit Report as presented by Crowe

- Change of Alain Locke Charter School's registered agent from Claire Hartfield to Catherine Burns

Additionally, John McLaughlin moved, and Nora Ligurotis seconded, a motion to amend Section 5.2 (Number and Qualifications) of the bylaws to state that the number of directors of the Corporation shall be no fewer than six and no more than eleven. The motion carried unanimously.

Patrick Love and Judy McGarvey presented the FY27 budget. The projected budget assumes enrollment of 350 K–8 students and 40 preschool students to meet financial targets.

Principal Love and Nora Ligurotis provided an enrollment update and reported that the application lottery was held on April 24, 2026. A total of 54 kindergarten seats were offered to families. To date, the school has received 137 student applications for SY27.

Principal Love presented the Higher Education report and shared enrollment outcomes for the current eighth-grade class. The majority of graduating students will attend CPS selective enrollment schools, charter schools, and private Catholic high schools.

Chairperson Burns also reported that the Alain Locke Charter School scholarship fund currently holds approximately \$200,000. The Board will begin the scholarship selection process in August 2026.

Chairperson Burns shared the following reminders:

- Graduation Ceremony: June 1, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. at the DuSable Museum
- Next Board Meeting: June 22, 2026, from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Alain Locke Charter School.
John McLaughlin will serve as Chair for the meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Erin Gilmore

Board Secretary