APPROVED

E.L. Haynes Public Charter School

Minutes

E.L. Haynes Board of Trustees Regular Meeting

Date and Time
Wednesday April 22, 2026 at 6:00 PM

Location
MS 4th Floor PD Lounge
3600 Georgia Ave NW
Washington, DC 20010

Trustees Present
F. Sutton (remote), G. Oleaga Cala, J. Niles, K. Simpkins, L. Robinson Mills (remote), M. Hall, M. Kovner (remote), N. Gordon, R. Jones (remote), R. Laine (remote), R. Payes

Trustees Absent
J. Hanna, L. Johnson-Law

Guests Present
A. Brooks, J. Rydstrom, P. Rayamajhi, T. Barton

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

F. Sutton called a meeting of the board of trustees of E.L. Haynes Public Charter School to order on Wednesday Apr 22, 2026 at 6:10 PM.

C. Approve Minutes

F. Sutton made a motion to approve the minutes from E.L. Haynes Board of Trustees Regular Meeting on 02-11-26.
R. Payes seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

D. Public Comment

II. CEO Updates

A. CEO Updates

CEO T. Barton provided updates on the following: 1) ASU+GSV conference, including her panel and innovation showcase, 2) community celebrations, and 3) high school partnership with Georgetown Day School.

III. School Performance

A. VOTE to Adopt the ASPIRE Framework

B. Middle of the Year (MOY) Data

CEO T. Barton shared updates on the following: **1)** back in testing season, sharing results from most recent interim assessment, beginning to start CAPE at the end of April. **2)** Partnership with Lit and updates to goals/progress through this partnership, including building foundational literacy systems, increasing leader and staff capacity through PD and instructional expectations, aligning HQIM, improving instructional quality in middle school literacy, and clarifying coaching structure and roles. Goals with Lit show measurable progress. **3)** Interim Assessment updates on 3rd Cycle of ANet, which shares that in ELA 5 of 6 tested levels saw improvement, with English 1 in HS seeing greatest YoY improvement. Math shows increase from 20% to 32% growth from SY23-24. **4)** Shared updates that we received two significant grants: Comprehensive State Literacy Grant from OSSE, and SummerBoost Tutoring Grant, **5)** entered into new partnership with DC Advanced Technical Center, sending 10 students in SY26-27.

C. STEAM Planning and Partnership Update

CEO T. Barton provided the report WestEd shared to begin identifying our STEAM framework based on national models and research. Shared initial model that includes a phased approach that includes a mutli-year process. Shared that this process will begin to run in parallel with our strategic planning process.

IV. Audit, Finance, and Facilities

A.

FY26 Mid-Year Financials

B. FY27 Budget Planning Updates

J. Rydstrom shared budgeted projectsion for FY27 as aligned with our budget principles, and shared budget assumptions, unknown/outstanding questions, and the timeline for finalizing in preparation for the board to vote and approve on during the May 2027 meeting. Also shared where we stand in comparison with the sector on key revenue indicators. AFF will vote in next committee meeting to present to full board for vote. Also shared the FY24 990 will be filed/submitted by April 30.

C. Facilities Opportunities

Facilities were discussed in closed session.

V. Governance

A. Recruitment Updates

R. Paynes shared updates on upcoming trustee planning needs, including options for including alumni candidates and trustee committee re-elections. Aim to vote on two trustees at May 2027 meeting.

M. Hall shared about meeting with Post-secondary office to engage alumni and determine the kind of onbarding needed for alumni engagement with the board.

VI. Community Relations Committee

A. Highlight Upcoming Community Events

A. Brooks shared EOY events to attend, including HS and MS Graduation ceremonies.

VII. Closed Session

A. Confidential Business Information

F. Sutton made a motion to move into closed session to discuss confidential business information and personnel matters, in accordance with DC Code Section 2-575(b).
M. Hall seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

J. Rydstrom shared ongoing updates related to new facilities opportunity.

B. Personnel Matters

The board discussed confidential personnel matters.

VIII. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
F. Sutton