Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes – October 8, 2026

Kingsman Academy Public Charter School

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Board Members present

- Steve Messner, Chair (by videoconference)
- Maggie Daley, Treasurer (by videoconference)
- Julia Bloom-Weltman (by videoconference)
- Wendy Jeffries (by videoconference)
- Arthur Rogiers (by videoconference)

Board Members not present

- Isa Stokes, Secretary
- Alex Shields
- Toloria Gant
- Tameka Harris

Staff and guests present

- K. Kelly, Executive Director (by videoconference)
- Erin Kupferberg, Director of Research, Data, and Strategy (by videoconference)
- Jessica Tolston, Special Projects Coordinator (by videoconference)
- De'Sean Markley, Special Projects Coordinator (by videoconference)
- Deanna Kimball, Vertex Education (by videoconference)
- Katrina Yi, George Washington University (by videoconference)
- Jennifer Fotherby (by videoconference)

Welcome

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Chair Steve Messner. The meeting was held electronically via Google Meet. Five of nine board members were present, constituting a quorum.

Financial Report

Deanna Kimball presented the financial report.

FY2026 unaudited actuals

- Revenue of approximately $17.0 million, $2.4 million above budget, primarily due to a special education AIE true-up payment.
- Expenditures of approximately $16.6 million, $2.5 million above budget, due to staff bonuses, professional development, summer maintenance, and front-loaded Quest program costs.
- Operating surplus of $344,205.
- Auditors required the $600,000 Verizon rooftop easement to be recognized over the 40-year lease rather than as a lump sum.
- Kingsman met all Public Charter School Board financial key performance indicators and debt service components.

FY2027 year-to-date (through August) and forecast

- Revenue of $3.0 million and expenses of $2.7 million; expenses were $300,000 above budget due to direct student expenses and initial Quest program travel.
- Year-end forecast surplus of approximately $150,000, compared to the budgeted $311,000.
- Jennifer Fotherby noted that $200,000 to $300,000 in unbudgeted grants are anticipated.
- K. Kelly explained that initial Quest travel costs in Massanutten, Virginia, were higher due to required domestic medical preparations before international travel, and expects expenses to even out.

Liquidity (as of August 31, 2026)

- Total assets of $18.5 million, cash of $6.9 million, and net assets of $9.4 million.
- Cash is lower than usual because Quest funding will arrive with the second-quarter per-pupil payment.

- The Public Charter School Board is transitioning to a new financial oversight framework, with formal guidance expected this year.

Approval of Minutes

September 28, 2026 meeting minutes

- Motion to approve the minutes of the September 28, 2026 meeting.
- Motion by: Julia Bloom-Weltman
- Seconded: Wendy Jeffries
- Vote: Steve Messner – Aye; Maggie Daley – Aye; Julia Bloom-Weltman – Aye; Wendy Jeffries – Aye; Arthur Rogiers – Aye
- The motion carried unanimously.

June 25, 2026 meeting minutes

Erin Kupferberg presented the June board meeting minutes.

- Motion to approve the minutes of the June 25, 2026 meeting.
- Motion by: Wendy Jeffries
- Seconded: Maggie Daley
- The motion carried.

Procurement

Jessica Tolston and K. Kelly presented the procurement items for the Board's review.

Quest Program – student overnight travel

- Philippine Airlines, international travel for the Quest program.
- International Volunteer Headquarters, vetting of operational partners for international service-learning travel, approximately $25,000.

Student transportation

- EK4Kids, van purchase for student transportation, approximately $150,000.
- C3 Auto Sales, van purchase for student transportation, approximately $150,000.

The vans will address transportation needs for unhoused and at-risk students who require flexible routes.

Approval of Procurement Contracts

- Motion to approve the operations-related procurement proposals.
- Motion by: Wendy Jeffries
- Seconded: Maggie Daley
- The motion carried unanimously.

Charter Goals and Enrollment

Erin Kupferberg presented preliminary SY2025–26 results on charter goals and accountability metrics. Nearly 85% of students met baseline functioning levels in reading and math, personalized learning plan completion approached 100%, high school completion remained strong, and student engagement scores increased.

The preliminary enrollment audit count is 329 to 330 students, above the target of 320. In response to a question from Steve Messner, Erin Kupferberg explained that the Public Charter School Board enrollment cap is 320. Kingsman was over-enrolled in prior years due to city need and is returning to the funded cap, with a slight buffer for unengaged or withdrawn students. K. Kelly added that Kingsman will not seek a ceiling increase until it can consistently meet goals and provide quality seats without straining operating costs.

Academic Progress and Personalized Learning

In response to a question from Arthur Rogiers, K. Kelly attributed recent gains to stronger implementation of the competency-based program and a strict approach to resource allocation, supported by 30-day reviews of financial data and student outcomes.

De'Sean Markley presented an example of a personalized mastery challenge booklet built for a student's Quest Ghana curriculum. He noted that the competency model, database, and real-time data tools allow staff to monitor progress daily and print individualized materials.

Jessica Tolston shared that K. Kelly has led staff conversations that changed how employees connect spending to student outcomes.

Alumni Tracking

In response to a question from Steve Messner, K. Kelly stated that current funding is allocated entirely to enrolled students, so an alumni tracking system would require external funding of about $25,000. Jennifer Fotherby recommended seeking grant funding and including alumni tracking in the strategic plan. K. Kelly noted that George Washington University's graduate interview findings will be shared with the Board.

Executive Session

Wendy Jeffries asked about the status of the strategic planning process. K. Kelly noted that Katrina Yi would update the Board during executive session.

- Motion to enter executive session to train and develop members of a public body and staff, pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 2-575(b)(12).
- Motion by: Wendy Jeffries
- Seconded: Arthur Rogiers
- Roll call vote: Julia Bloom-Weltman – Aye; Arthur Rogiers – Aye; Wendy Jeffries – Aye; Steve Messner – Aye; Maggie Daley – Aye
- The motion carried.

The Board entered executive session at 6:45 p.m. The public recording was paused.

Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn.
- Motion by: Julia Bloom-Weltman
- Seconded: Wendy Jeffries
- The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

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Signature Date

Title