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Bright Star Schools Board of Directors
Minutes of the Special Meeting

A meeting of the Board of Directors of Bright Star Schools was held on **Tuesday, June 23, 2026** at Stella Elementary Charter Academy - Mansfield and via teleconference, pursuant to notice duly given.

On the meeting agenda, the legislative body noticed each teleconference location of each member participating in the public meeting, each teleconference location was accessible to the public, members of the public were allowed to address the legislative body at each teleconference location, and the legislative body posted an agenda at each teleconference location. At least a quorum of the legislative body participated from locations within the boundaries of the local agency's jurisdiction.

In attendance at the start of the meeting were board members Andrew Murr, Dr. Roberta Benjamin-Edwards, David Chang, Jen Cole, Stephen Green, Alyce Johnson, Marisol León, Lois Levy, and Marissiko Wheaton-Greer.

Bright Star Schools staff in attendance were Liliana Bustos, Angelina Calderón, Elizabeth Carter, Michael Coleman, Daniel Feria, Lydia Garcia, Alexandra Lee, Ana Martinez, Dr. Emily O'Neil, Marni Parsons, Christian Risquez, Cathia Sanchez, Sebastian Valdes, Ana Vargas. Ryan Griffin from ExEd and attorneys Miguel Iniguez, Jeremy Brust from Tao Rossini APC also joined as guests.

1. **Call to Order and Introduction of Guests:** Andrew Murr called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m. after confirming that a quorum was present.

2. **Public Comment Period for Non-Agenda Items**: The chair explained public comment rules and asked for public comment on non-agenda items. No comments were made at this time.

3. **Meeting Kick-off by Christian Risquez, Community School Manager at Stella High Charter Academy:** Christian presented presented a strategic overview of Stella High Charter Academy's (SHCA) Community School efforts by first detailing a Needs and Assets assessment built around four core pillars: College & Career Readiness, Access to Healthcare, Staff Capacity, and Increased Family Engagement. To address these pillars, SHCA collaborates with diverse community partners - including St. John's Community Health, Didi Hirsch, Vision To Learn, and College Track- providing students with vital physical and mental health resources, academic mentorship, and career exploration opportunities. One highlight was the creation of the care closet to provide students anything that they need to feel confident in class including hygiene products. This collaborative framework has driven major program milestones, notably within the Dual Enrollment program where over 200 students enrolled and 15 graduated in 2026 with AA degrees. Looking ahead, the school plans to sustain this impact by embedding community school resources into the upcoming 9th grade Summer Bridge program, continuing strategic partner evaluations, and leveraging the formal support of six community partners who have already submitted letters advocating for SHCA's charter renewal.

4. **Academic Committee Report by Committee Chair Dr. Roberta Benjamin-Edwards:** Dr. Benjamin-Edwards reported that the Committee received several key updates starting with Ana's announcing the Summer Leadership Retreat, continued with Liliana's introduction of

our Director of Multilingual Learners and the English Learner Master plan which outlines procedures for identifying, supporting, and reclassifying multilingual learners. She shared that Liliana Bustos presented curriculum updates, followed by a review of iReady and DIBELS data showing positive literacy growth - exceeding goals by 11% in elementary grades, but a 4% decline in math i-Ready performance that will require targeted middle and high school support. Liliana attributed successes to the Director of Early Literacy and fidelity to curriculum. Marni Parsons presented on ADA and Chronic Absenteeism, reporting positive overall attendance trends. Angelina Calderòn presented the 26-27 Board meeting schedule, highlights from the Staff Pulse Survey results, and a comprehensive review of the 26-27 Local Control and Accountability Plans for all Bright Star Schools. Alexandra Lee presented the 26-27 bell schedules and minutes, highlighting Bright Star is exceeding state requirements; and Lydia Garcia presented on Local Indicators and how they link to LCAP, and the School Plan for Student Achievement for Rise Kohyang High School.

5. **Chief Executive Officer/Lead Executive Officer Presentation by Ana Martinez:** Ana Martinez provided updates on the following:
Summer Leadership Retreat (SLT): The retreats were held June 15-18 at Rise Kohyang High School. She thanked BSS Board members Dr. Benjamin-Edwards, Jen Cole, Andrew Murr for attending the retreats and their support. Dr. Benjamin and Lois Levy congratulated the Bright Star team for the wonderful things they saw in action at the Retreat.
Measurable Outcomes: Ana highlighted that during today's meeting senior leaders will be sharing some updates. The CAASPP results and retention data will be finalized in the fall.
Principal Updates: Ana shared principal updates across our campuses for the 26-27 school year. Ruth Kim will now lead both Rise Kohyang Elementary and Middle school. Kaitlin Allen, who previously led Rise Kohyang Elementary School, will now lead Valor Academy Elementary School. Additionally, BSS welcomes Dr. Emily O'Neal as the principal of Valor Academy High School and Darla Vance as the principal of Stella Middle Charter Academy.
Commencement Celebrations: Ana shared that during the first week of June, our schools hosted wonderful commencement ceremonies to celebrate and honor our promoting students. A special thank you goes to BSS Board member Alyce Johnson for attending these events and her support.
LAUSD Notice of Concern: Ana reported on the Notice of Concern issued by LAUSD on June 11. The notice is regarding three areas: material weakness in financial reporting controls, a significantly late audit submission, and insufficient Board oversight of finance processes. In response, Bright Star will implement corrective actions by enhancing its month-end and year-end close procedures, strengthening review and reconciliation workflows, and cross-training staff while documenting key finance functions. Furthermore, the organization will clearly assign accountability for audit preparation and auditor communication, establish an annual audit readiness timeline with board oversight checkpoints, and officially name the CFO as the designated staff member to oversee the audit process. A Corrective Action Plan was provided to the Board ahead of the meeting and a request was made to approve it.

Andrew Murr asked if any board members had any questions about the Corrective Action Plan. There were no questions from Board members at this time. However, Board members requested for the votes to be recorded after the Finance Committee Report.

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BSS Board Membership Term Renewal: Ana shared the Board membership term renewal for Dr. Marissiko Wheaton-Greer and Alyce Johnson have been added to the consent agenda for today's meeting.

6. **Chief Instructional Officer Presentation by Liliana Bustos:** Liliana provided the following updates:
   EL Master Plan: Liliana shared updates were made to the BSS EL Master Plan to reflect the development of Bright Star's English Language Development Program. She reported that the reclassification criteria remain aligned with or more rigorous than LAUSD EL Master Plan criteria. The 26-27 BSS Master Plan outlines procedures for identifying, supporting, monitoring, and reclassifying multilingual learners and emphasizes equitable instruction through Designated and Integrated ELD. Updates also include the addition of the Observation Tool for Teachers of English Learners (OPTEL) as a reclassification criterion, systems for monitoring student progress and program effectiveness, and continued focus on biliteracy, professional development, and family and community partnerships, including ELAC involvement.
   DIBELS: Liliana shared that DIBELS K-5 spring-to-spring data reflected positive literacy growth across all elementary schools, exceeding the outcome goal by increasing 11%. RKES demonstrated the highest growth at 18%, followed by VAES at 8%, and SECA at 5%, with SECA already achieving 55% overall proficiency. Across the network, the percentage of students performing well below benchmark decreased from 44% in 24-25 to 35% in 25-26. Liliana attributed these gains to the support of the Early Literacy Coordinator, fidelity to curriculum implementation, and strategic grouping.
   D3 iReady: Liliana presented shared i-Ready results for both reading and math, showing strong student growth from Fall to Spring during the 25-26 school year. In reading, the percentage of students performing at or above grade level doubled from 17% to 35%, while struggling students dropped from 54 to 39%. Similarly, in math, students at or above grade level nearly tripled from 12% to 33%, while the furthest-behind group decreased from 41% to 31%. Liliana explained that these improvements across both subjects were driven by targeted student support teams (MTSS/SSPT) and the instructional assistant small-group tutoring pilot. Liliana summarized recent successes and next steps, highlighting that small-group reading instruction and foundational math programs successfully drove progress. Moving forward, the network will launch a new K-12 ELA curriculum this fall. Future priorities include professional development for Multilingual Learners, revised teacher and student incentives, and new data dashboards.

7. **Senior Vice President of Student and Family Services Presentation by Marni Parsons:** Marni provided updates on the following:
   ADA and Chronic Absenteeism: Marni shared that the data presented was not end-of-year data and that final results will be reported at the beginning of the next school year. She reported that, as of the end of May, ADA trends were positive, with ADA increasing from 93.49% in May 2025 to 93.62% in May 2026. She noted that better alignment between Bright Star School's academic calendar and LAUSD's calendar contributed to the overall improvement. Marni did not review chronic absenteeism during today's meeting.

8. **Vice President of Instructional Systems and Strategy Presentation by Alexandra Lee:** Alexandra presented on the following:

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Instructional Minutes and Bell Schedules: Alexandra Lee presented the 2026–27 Instructional Minutes, outlining the required and proposed instructional time across all Bright Star school sites. A detailed instructional minutes table was reviewed, comparing state minimums with school site plans for grades TK through 12 across 175 instructional days. Each site either met or exceeded the minimum requirement for instructional minutes, demonstrating alignment with both state regulations and local academic planning. She also highlighted that a buffer of three days has been accounted for in case any of the schools need to temporarily close due to an emergency.

Andrew Murr called for a motion to amend the agenda in order to allow board members to vote by roll call on the Instructional Minutes and Bell Schedules as this item was not added to the consent agenda for tonight's meeting. Lois Levy Moved and Alyce Johnson seconded the motion. The votes were recorded as follows:

Board Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Andrew Murr	☑	☐	☐	☐
Dr. Marissiko Wheaton-Greer	☑	☐	☐	☐
Jennifer Cole	☑	☐	☐	☐
Lois Levy	☑	☐	☐	☐
Louisa Wee	☐	☐	☐	☑
Marisol León	☑	☐	☐	☐
Stephen Green	☑	☐	☐	☐
Dr. Roberta Benjamin	☑	☐	☐	☐
Alyce Johnson	☑	☐	☐	☐
David Chang	☑	☐	☐	☐
Total	9	0	0	1
Motion Carries?	Yes			

9. **Governance Committee Report by Andrew Murr, Board and Committee Chair:** Andrew reported that the Governance Committee received several updates. During their meeting, the Committee made a recommendation to the Board to approve the renewal membership renewals for Dr. Marissiko Wheaton-Green and Alyce Johnson. They also received updates from Ana Vargas about changes to the 26-27 employee handbook, including updates on

Senate Bill 848. Michael Coleman provided an overview of the Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Students and will be doing so again during tonight's board meeting and then the Board will vote. He also shared that Angelina Calderon presented the 26-27 Board meeting schedule, which will include seven committee meetings, seven board meetings, and a Board retreat on November 7. The Committee also received updates on the 25-26 Staff Pulse Survey Results, updates on a request to Amend the Articles of Information and Submit a CalSTRS Charter School Certification Form. The Committee also reviewed the 26-27 Local Control and Accountability Plans for all Bright Star Schools, the 2026-2027 Student and Family Handbooks, Annual Notices and Org-wide policies, Local Indicators and the Resolutions for the the Charter Petition Renewal Applications to be submitted to LAUSD over the summer for Rise Kohyang Middle School, Rise Kohyang High School, Valor Academy Elementary School, Valor Academy Middle School, and Stella High Charter Academy.

10. **Human Resources Presentation by Ana Vargas, Vice President of HR:** Ana Vargas provided the 26-27 employee handbook updates and reviewed several policy revisions driven by legislative changes and operational needs. She highlighted updates related to the SAFETY Act, social media use, student/staff/volunteer/contractor professional boundaries, paid sick leave, jury duty and witness leave rights for victims of a crime or qualifying act of violence, and priority attendance days. She explained that Senate Bill 848 requires schools to establish clear policies regarding professional boundaries and limitations on communications with students outside of school. She noted that these policies must be distributed to employees and posted on the school's website. As a result, a standalone professional boundaries policy has been developed and will be maintained and communicated in a manner similar to the Employee Handbook.

11. **Senior Director of Talent Presentation by Michael Coleman:** In Michael's absence, Ana Vargas presented the Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators (DoN), a required form that allows BSS to hire teachers on emergency permits, such as CLAD and Limited Assignment credentials, due to ongoing teacher shortages. The board's approval is needed for submission to the CTC, and doing so supports positive LAUSD oversight. This is a standard, low-risk process followed by most charter schools each year.

    Andrew Murr asked if any board members had any questions about the DoN. Hearing none, he called for a motion to approve the Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators (DoN). Dr. Roberta Benjamin-Edwards moved and Jen Cole seconded the motion. Votes were then recorded as follows:

Board Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Andrew Murr	☑	☐	☐	☐
Dr. Marissiko Wheaton-Greer	☑	☐	☐	☐
Jennifer Cole	☑	☐	☐	☐
Lois Levy	☑	☐	☐	☐

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Louisa Wee	☐	☐	☐	☑
Marisol León	☑	☐	☐	☐
Stephen Green	☑	☐	☐	☐
Dr. Roberta Benjamin	☑	☐	☐	☐
Alyce Johnson	☑	☐	☐	☐
David Chang	☑	☐	☐	☐
Total	9	0	0	1
Motion Carries?	Yes			

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12. **Vice President of Public Affairs Presentation by Angelina Calderon:** Angelina provided updates on the following:
    2026-2027 LCAP: Angelina reviewed the Local Control Accountability Plans for all Bright Star Schools. She used a visual to summarize and explain the schools' goals, planned actions, key metrics, services, to support student success. She highlighted bright spots and growth areas for Elementary, Middle, and High school. **Goal 1** focuses on helping all students reach academic growth in math, reading, and English language proficiency. The data shows mixed progress across schools. iReady scores in math and reading have generally improved, though some schools saw a decline in Year 2. CAASPP scores in ELA and Math, which measure performance against state standards, are moving in the right direction. English Learner progress and reclassification are also showing some improvement toward their 3-year target. **Goal 2** focuses on building a positive, supportive school culture and strengthening family engagement. All schools have improved attendance and maintained low suspension and expulsion rates. Chronic absenteeism and student safety and belonging scores are also trending positively. Parent satisfaction remains high, and survey return rates continue to be strong. However, attendance at some family events has declined across many of our schools. Key areas affected include counselor meetings and parent conferences. Part of this decline may be attributed to recent immigration enforcement activities in the communities we serve, which have discouraged some parents from visiting school campuses. However, our schools continue to work hard to make school campuses welcoming and safe spaces for students and families. **Goal 3** ensures that school facilities are safe and well-maintained, students have access to standards-aligned instruction and materials, and teachers are properly credentialed. All schools met requirements for providing a broad course of study and 100% access to aligned instructional materials. Teacher credentialing under ESSA has improved, with schools working toward having no ineffective or out-of-field teachers. Staff surveys show strong and improved feelings of safety and connectedness across campuses. Facility ratings have also improved, with most schools reaching or being on track to reach their targets. She highlighted that the projected General Fund revenue totals approximately $97,159,874. The largest portion comes from LCFF funds at nearly $60,142,920, including about $16,744,282 specifically for Supplemental and

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Concentration Grants that support high-need students. Additional revenue includes $16,289,054 from other state sources, $1,437,449 from local sources, and $2,546,169 in federal funds. Budgeted expenditures are projected at $80,669,371, with $80,415,542 outlined in the LCAP, including $18,319,469 dedicated to high-need students.
She highlighted that we spent an additional $2 million more across all 9 schools on high-need students.

13. **Public Hearing for 2026-2027 Local Control and Accountability Plans (LCAPS) for Stella Elementary Charter Academy, Stella Middle Charter Academy, Stella High Charter Academy, Valor Academy Elementary School, Valor Academy Middle School, Valor Academy High School, Rise Kohyang Elementary School, Rise Kohyang Middle School, and Rise Kohyang High School**
No comments or feedback provided during the public hearing.

14. **Adoption of 2026-2027 Local Control and Accountability Plans for Stella Elementary Charter Academy, Stella Middle Charter Academy, Stella High Charter Academy, Valor Academy Elementary School, Valor Academy Middle School, Valor Academy High School, Rise Kohyang Elementary School, Rise Kohyang Middle School, and Rise Kohyang High School**
There being no comments or questions from members of the public or BSS board members, Andrew Murr called for a motion to approve the LCAPs for all Bright Star Schools. Dr. Roberta Benjamin-Edwards moved and Lois Levy seconded the motion. The votes were recorded as follows:

Board Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Andrew Murr	☑	☐	☐	☐
Dr. Marissiko Wheaton-Greer	☑	☐	☐	☐
Jennifer Cole	☑	☐	☐	☐
Lois Levy	☑	☐	☐	☐
Louisa Wee	☐	☐	☐	☑
Marisol León	☑	☐	☐	☐
Stephen Green	☑	☐	☐	☐
Dr. Roberta Benjamin	☑	☐	☐	☐
Alyce Johnson	☑	☐	☐	☐
David Chang	☑	☐	☐	☐

Total	9	0	0	1
Motion Carries?	Yes			

15. **Vice President of Public Affairs Presentation by Angelina Calderon:** Angelina provided updates on the following:
    25-26 Staff Pulse Survey Results: Angelina presented the 25-26 Pulse survey highlights, showing an overall response rate increase from 86% in Spring 2025 to 91% in Spring 2026. Most schools saw improved participation, with several reaching or maintaining 100%, reflecting stronger participation across teams. Angelina also shared the Fall to Spring comparison of the 2025-2026 Staff Pulse Survey Net Promoter Score (NPS), highlighting a 3-point decline across Bright Star Schools. Survey findings reflected strong staff commitment to the organization's mission, students, and families, as well as positive school-level culture and a strong sense of purpose. Angelina noted that the primary opportunity moving forward is strengthening trust, communication, and organizational clarity as staff navigate changes in staffing structures, systems and ways of working.
    2026-2027 Board Meeting Schedule: Angelina shared that next year, we will have seven committee meetings, seven board meetings, a Board Retreat on Saturday, November 7, one Monday meeting on February 1st for SARC Submission. This schedule maintains buffer week between Committee and Board meetings. This item is part of the consent agenda for today's meeting.
    Amendment to Articles of Incorporation and CalSTRS Charter School Certification Form: Angelina presented requested changes related to CalSTRS compliance and requested the Committee's recommendation for approval of an amendment to the Articles of Incorporation and execution of the CalSTRS Certification Form by June 30, 2026. She explained that the amendment would update the organization's dissolution language to meet CalSTRS requirements by specifying that any remaining assets would be distributed to a qualifying public school, the State of California, or another governmental entity in the event of dissolution. Angelina also noted that signing the certification form confirms Bright Star School's compliance with CalSTRS requirements, including maintaining required governance documents and reporting eligible ClaSTRS-creditable service in accordance with program guidelines.
    2026-2027 Student & Family Handbooks, Annual Notices & Org-Wide Policies: Angelina presented updates to the Student and Family Handbooks, annual notices, and organization-wide policies for the upcoming school year. She reviewed key policies related to attendance, student medications, discipline, family concerns, student records, nondiscrimination, Section 504 accommodations, student safety, and adult-student interaction. She also highlighted required annual notices covering topics such as universal meals, tobacco-free schools, student records, immunizations, school safety, immigration-related protections, and the Uniform Complaint Procedure. The updates were presented to ensure compliance with applicable legal and regulatory requirements.

16. **Manager of Compliance and Special Projects Update by Lydia Garcia:** Lydia provided updates on the following:

Local Indicators: Lydia shared updates on the Local Indicators, explaining how they help the school meet state standards in areas like basic services, academic standards, parent engagement, school climate, and access to a broad course of study.
School Plan for Student Achievement for RKHS: The plan is aligned with the LCAP, ensuring school-level actions directly reflect priorities and goals. The plan was developed by the school and reviewed by the School Site Council (SSC). The item is in the consent agenda.
Resolutions of the BSS Board of Directors for the submission of Charter Petition Renewals: Lydia shared updates on the five BSS resolutions for the submission of the charter petition renewal application for Valor Academy Elementary School (VAES), Valor Academy Middle School (VAMS), Rise Kohyang Middle School (RKMS), Rise Kohyang High School (RKHS), and Stella High Charter Academy (SHCA). Each resolution identifies the school principal as the lead petitioner, Ana Martinez as the CEO, and Elijah Sugay as the Financial Manager and Chief Financial Officer. She also reminded Board members to complete their Board Member Questionnaires, if they had not already done so. Lydia shared that each resolution is being presented as its own separate item for individual votes by roll call.

Andrew Murr provided an opportunity for comment or questions about the resolutions. There being no comments or questions from members of the public or BSS board members, Andrew Murr called for a motion to approve all five Board resolutions for the submission of the charter petition renewal application to LAUSD. Marisol Leòn moved and Jen Cole seconded the motion.
The votes for the board resolution for **VAES** were recorded as follows:

Board Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Andrew Murr	☑	☐	☐	☐
Dr. Marissiko Wheaton-Greer	☑	☐	☐	☐
Jennifer Cole	☑	☐	☐	☐
Lois Levy	☑	☐	☐	☐
Louisa Wee	☐	☐	☐	☑
Marisol León	☑	☐	☐	☐
Stephen Green	☑	☐	☐	☐
Dr. Roberta Benjamin	☑	☐	☐	☐
Alyce Johnson	☑	☐	☐	☐
David Chang	☑	☐	☐	☐

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Total	9	0	0	1
Motion Carries?	Yes			

The votes for the board resolution for **VAMS** were recorded as follows:

Board Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Andrew Murr	☑	☐	☐	☐
Dr. Marissiko Wheaton-Greer	☑	☐	☐	☐
Jennifer Cole	☑	☐	☐	☐
Lois Levy	☑	☐	☐	☐
Louisa Wee	☐	☐	☐	☑
Marisol León	☑	☐	☐	☐
Stephen Green	☑	☐	☐	☐
Dr. Roberta Benjamin	☑	☐	☐	☐
Alyce Johnson	☑	☐	☐	☐
David Chang	☑	☐	☐	☐
Total	9	0	0	1
Motion Carries?	Yes			

The votes for the board resolution for **RKMS** were recorded as follows:

Board Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Andrew Murr	☑	☐	☐	☐
Dr. Marissiko Wheaton-Greer	☑	☐	☐	☐
Jennifer Cole	☑	☐	☐	☐
Lois Levy	☑	☐	☐	☐

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Louisa Wee	☐	☐	☐	☑
Marisol León	☑	☐	☐	☐
Stephen Green	☑	☐	☐	☐
Dr. Roberta Benjamin	☑	☐	☐	☐
Alyce Johnson	☑	☐	☐	☐
David Chang	☑	☐	☐	☐
Total	9	0	0	1
Motion Carries?	Yes			

The votes for the board resolution for **RKHS** were recorded as follows:

Board Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Andrew Murr	☑	☐	☐	☐
Dr. Marissiko Wheaton-Greer	☑	☐	☐	☐
Jennifer Cole	☑	☐	☐	☐
Lois Levy	☑	☐	☐	☐
Louisa Wee	☐	☐	☐	☑
Marisol León	☑	☐	☐	☐
Stephen Green	☑	☐	☐	☐
Dr. Roberta Benjamin	☑	☐	☐	☐
Alyce Johnson	☑	☐	☐	☐
David Chang	☑	☐	☐	☐
Total	9	0	0	1
Motion Carries?	Yes			

The votes for the board resolution for **SHCA** were recorded as follows: :

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Board Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Andrew Murr	☑	☐	☐	☐
Dr. Marissiko Wheaton-Greer	☑	☐	☐	☐
Jennifer Cole	☑	☐	☐	☐
Lois Levy	☑	☐	☐	☐
Louisa Wee	☐	☐	☐	☑
Marisol León	☑	☐	☐	☐
Stephen Green	☑	☐	☐	☐
Dr. Roberta Benjamin	☑	☐	☐	☐
Alyce Johnson	☑	☐	☐	☐
David Chang	☑	☐	☐	☐
Total	9	0	0	1
Motion Carries?	Yes			

Lydia also gave a special thank you to the Board Meeting Compliance Officers who attended every Board meeting this year to ensure our community had access to our teleconference locations.

17. **Finance Committee Report by Louisa Wee, Committee Chair:** Louisa Wee was absent today. Stephen Green provided the Committee report on her behalf. He shared that during their meeting earlier this month, the Committee received strategic updates about the summer leadership retreats and details on the Notice of Concern issued by LAUSD on June 11. He reported that student enrollment and ADA are trending upward, helping the organization forecast strong financial turnaround. Additionally, the Committee reviewed mostly stable preliminary budgets, along with vendor recommendations for 15 providers and critical compliance items like Prop 28, CARS, and the EPA resolution. He highlighted that the Finance Committee asked for a detailed report of the vendor list and thanked the staff for providing it with a short turnaround. Lastly, the team presented the 2026-2027 LCAPs, updates to the Fiscal Policies and Procedures handbook, and progress reports on our school facilities. He gave a detailed overview of the Notice of Concern and feels confident that the Corrective Action plan will be more than just a document but process improvements. The Finance Committee commits to oversight for the audit process moving forward. Jen Cole and Dr. Benjamin-Edwards asked a few clarifying questions about the Notice.

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Andrew Murr asked if any board members had any other questions about the Corrective Action Plan. Hearing no additional questions, Andrew Murr called for a motion to approve the Corrective Action Plan. Alyce Johnson moved and Dr. Roberta Benjamin-Edwards seconded the motion. Votes were then recorded as follows:

Board Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Andrew Murr	☑	☐	☐	☐
Dr. Marissiko Wheaton-Greer	☐	☐	☐	☑
Jennifer Cole	☑	☐	☐	☐
Lois Levy	☑	☐	☐	☐
Louisa Wee	☐	☐	☐	☑
Marisol León	☑	☐	☐	☐
Stephen Green	☑	☐	☐	☐
Dr. Roberta Benjamin	☑	☐	☐	☐
Alyce Johnson	☑	☐	☐	☐
David Chang	☑	☐	☐	☐
Total	8	0	0	2
Motion Carries?	Yes			

18. **Director of Expanded Learning, Student and Family Services:** Elizabeth presented the following:
Woodcraft Rangers: Elizabeth presented the contract scope for Woodcraft Rangers, which covers three programs - ASES, ELOP, and 21st CCLC- running from July 2026 to June 2027. These programs provide literacy, academic intervention, and enrichment activities before and after school, as well as during intersessions. The ASES and ELOP programs will support four schools (Rise Kohyang Elementary, Rise Kohyang Middle School, Stella Elementary Charter Academy, and Stella Middle Charter Academy), while the 21st CCLC program focuses on two schools (Rise Kohyang Elementary School and Stella Elementary Charter Academy). She also shared that the total combined costs for these contracts is $1,777,903.31 and provided a detailed breakdown of costs for each program. Elizabeth also shared that the contract for Valor Academy Elementary School and Valor Academy Middle School with After-School All-Stars is $356,094.97.
After School Enrichment Vendor MOUs: Elizabeth also presented the 26-27 MOUs for After-School Enrichment Vendors, explaining that these agreements lock in specific class

rates to give schools flexibility in choosing programs based on student interest. To illustrate this framework, she detailed the specific service offerings and rates for three of the vendors: the After School Music Academy will provide group and individual music instruction for $220 per class, Parker Anderson Enrichment will offer diverse programs like science, art, cooking, and sports for $250 per class, and Nexplore will deliver specialized STEM enrichment programming, including chess, robotics, coding, and 3D printing, at a rate of $375 per class.

Dr. Benjamin asked how Bright Star evaluates the programs with our after school vendors. Elizabeth explained that programs are evaluated through walkthroughs, student and family surveys, as well as quarterly meetings with the Principals. Lois Levy asked if these programs were free for families/students and Elizabeth confirmed it. There being no additional comments or additional questions from members of the public or BSS board members, Andrew Murr called for a motion to approve the **Woodcraft Rangers contracts and After School Vendor MOUs.** Marisol Leòn moved and Lois Levy seconded the motion.

The votes for the **Woodcraft Rangers contracts** were recorded as follows:

Board Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Andrew Murr	☑	☐	☐	☐
Dr. Marissiko Wheaton-Greer	☐	☐	☐	☑
Jennifer Cole	☑	☐	☐	☐
Lois Levy	☑	☐	☐	☐
Louisa Wee	☐	☐	☐	☑
Marisol León	☑	☐	☐	☐
Stephen Green	☑	☐	☐	☐
Dr. Roberta Benjamin	☑	☐	☐	☐
Alyce Johnson	☑	☐	☐	☐
David Chang	☑	☐	☐	☐
Total	8	0	0	2
Motion Carries?	Yes			

The votes for the **After School Enrichment Vendors MOUs** were recorded as follows:

Board Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Andrew Murr	☑	☐	☐	☐
Dr. Marissiko Wheaton-Greer	☐	☐	☐	☑
Jennifer Cole	☑	☐	☐	☐
Lois Levy	☑	☐	☐	☐
Louisa Wee	☑	☐	☐	☑
Marisol León	☑	☐	☐	☐
Stephen Green	☑	☐	☐	☐
Dr. Roberta Benjamin	☑	☐	☐	☐
Alyce Johnson	☑	☐	☐	☐
David Chang	☑	☐	☐	☐
Total	8	0	0	2
Motion Carries?	Yes			

19. **Senior Vice President of Operations Presentation by Sebastian Valdes:** Sebastian Valdes provided updates on the following:
    - Average Daily Attendance (ADA) Performance: Sebastian reported that Bright Star Schools' monthly (ADA) of 93.62% in May 2026, is slightly higher than the 93.49% ADA in May 2025. He shared that ADA is budgeted at 92.5%, while year-to-date ADA is 93.92%, exceeding budget by 1.42%.
    - 2025-26 School Enrollment Overview: Sebastian reviewed the 25-26 enrollment forecast compared to budget. Current enrollment is at 3,696 students, which is approximately 2.2% below the budgeted enrollment of 3,780 students. However, ADA is projected to be 1.4% above budget, helping to offset the enrollment shortfall and resulting in a slightly favorable overall budget position. He also noted that Operations, Instruction, and Finance have adjusted the enrollment baseline to reflect current trends and student attrition, creating a more conservative and sustainable forecast for the coming year. He previewed that for 2026-27 Budgeted enrollment will be 3,814 students and anticipates growth in enrollment to 3,950 students.

20. **Senior Vice President of Operations Presentation by Sebastian Valdes:** Sebastian Valdes provided updates on the following:

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2025-2026 School Safety Plans for all Bright Star Schools: Sebastian presented the 25-26 safety plans, noting that the board materials contain an individualized safety plan for every campus across the network.

There being no comments or questions from members of the public or BSS board members, Andrew Murr called for a motion to approve the **School Safety Plans for all Bright Star Schools**. Jen Cole moved and Dr. Benjamin-Edwards seconded the motion. The votes were recorded as follows:

Board Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Andrew Murr	☑	☐	☐	☐
Dr. Marissiko Wheaton-Greer	☐	☐	☐	☑
Jennifer Cole	☑	☐	☐	☐
Lois Levy	☑	☐	☐	☐
Louisa Wee	☐	☐	☐	☑
Marisol León	☑	☐	☐	☐
Stephen Green	☑	☐	☐	☐
Dr. Roberta Benjamin	☑	☐	☐	☐
Alyce Johnson	☑	☐	☐	☐
David Chang	☑	☐	☐	☐
Total	8	0	0	2
Motion Carries?	Yes			

21. **Chief Financial Officer Presentation by Elijah Sugay:** Elijah was absent today. Sebastian Valdes provided the following updates on his behalf:
Financial Dashboard & Monthly Financials Ending 4/31/26: Sebastian provided an overview of financial performance of the organization and noted that at the beginning of year, the budget was projecting a net income of -$332K. Year end Forecast with financials through 4/31/26 are projected to be at $617K. That's a net improvement of $949K. The improvement is primarily driven by grant-funded activity and higher than budgeted ADA. For expenses, he reported that the increase of $0.9M was mostly driven by the expenses tied to program/curriculum tied to grant funding. The magnitude is partially offset by personnel cost vacancies and true-up of benefits costs.

School-Level Forecast: 7 Schools Trending Above Budget: The school-level forecast as of April 30th shows a generally positive financial outlook, with seven schools trending above their budgeted net income targets. Several schools, including Valor High, Rise High, Valor Middle, Stella Elementary, Stella High, Valor Elementary, and Rise Elementary, are projected to outperform their budgets, contributing to overall strength across the network. Two schools are performing slightly below budget but remain stable and close to their targets. Overall, the forecast reflects strong performance across most schools, with only targeted attention needed to address remaining gaps.
2026-27 Preliminary Budgets: Sebastian shared a projected five-year outlook model, originally shared at the annual retreat, that projected significant financial challenges if left unaddressed. Since then, the organization has taken necessary strategic actions, including restructuring the School Support team and rolling out a new school-level staffing model. These internal actions, combined with favorable developments in the Governor's May Revision, have meaningfully improved the five-year outlook.
Sebastian presented the preliminary budget projections, noting that most school sites are expected to maintain positive net income positions, reflecting overall financial stability across the organization. He highlighted that Rise Elementary may require a $250,000 grant from the BOT to meet net income requirements. The preliminary budgets are based on several key assumptions, including an organization-wide ADA rate of 92.9%, an AB 602 funding increase, and a 4.31% COLA adjustment. Overall, the budgets indicate a stable financial outlook for the majority of schools.
2026-27 Vendor Approvals: Sebastian shared an overview of the proposed 26-27 vendor recommendations and discussed Bright Star's new practice of presenting rate-based vendors. He shared that a brief description of each of the 15 vendors and services each one provides was included in the board's materials for review. He reminded Board members that Stephen highlighted the Vendor approvals are in the Consent Agenda.
Updated Fiscal Policies & Procedures - Summary of Key Revisions: Sebastian also presented key updates to the 2026-27 FPP Handbook, which follows LAUSD guidance to help improve internal controls. The revisions he presented include simplified approval tiers, streamlined bid requirements, credit card and purchasing platforms, expense reimbursement timeline, per diem and travel policy and split purchase prohibition.
Compliance Approvals: Sebastian presented several annual compliance items, including the Prop 28 Art Funding Report, the consolidated Application and Reporting System (CARS) filing, and the Education Protection Account (EPA) Resolution. These reports and resolutions are required to maintain compliance with state and federal funding requirements.
Facilities Updates: Sebastian shared that a project manager will be onboarding soon to help the SECA related project move along. Interviews for the project team are underway. He also shared that Bright Star continues to explore other potential sites for SHCA and is looking into the impact of a possible charter material revision to the acquisition process.

22. **Approval of Consent Agenda:** Andrew Murr asked if any board members wished to remove items on the consent agenda to vote on them separately. Hearing none, he called for a motion to approve all items on the consent agenda as follows:
Governance
    - Minutes of the BSS Board meeting on May 12, 2026
    - Minutes of the Academic Committee meeting on June 9, 2026
    - Minutes of the Governance Committee meeting on June 10, 2026
    - Minutes of the Finance Committee meeting on June 11, 2026

- Term Renewal of Dr. Marissiko Wheaton-Greer to the Governance Committee and BSS Board
- Term Renewal of Alyce Johnson to the Governance Committee and BSS Board
- 2026-2027 BSS Board Meeting Schedule

Finance and Facilities
- Financial Dashboard & Monthly Financials Ending 4/31/2026: Income Statement, Balance Sheet, Cash Flow Forecast, and Budget-to-Actuals
- FY27 Preliminary Budgets
- 26-27 Vendor Approvals
- Consolidated Application and Reporting System (CARS)
- Education Protection Account (EPA)
- 26-27 Fiscal Policies and Procedures Handbook
- Form 990
- Prop 28 Reports

Academic
- EL Master Plan
- School Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA) for Rise Kohyang High School

Operations and Compliance
- Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation
- CalSTRS Charter School Certification Form
- Local Indicators for all Bright Star Schools
- 2026-2027 BSS Employee Handbook
- 2026-2027 Student & Family Handbooks, Annual Notices & Org-Wide Policies for all Bright Star Schools:
    - Attendance Policy
    - Student Medications Policy
    - Family Concerns Resolution Process
    - Discipline Policy
    - Uniform Complaint Policy
    - Educational Records and Student Information Policy
    - Adult/Student Interaction Policy
    - Nondiscrimination Statement
    - Section 504 Policy
    - Youth Suicide Prevention Policy
    - Campus Search & Seizure Policy
    - Annual Notices: Universal Meals
    - Tobacco-Free Policy
    - Promoting a Safe Environment for All Students: Response to Immigration Issues
    - Annual Notices: CalKIDS Program
    - Annual Notices: Opioid Information Sheet
    - Annual Notices: Student Records, including Records Challenges, Directory Information, and CCGI Notice
    - Annual Notices: Location of All Automatic External Defibrillators
    - Annual Notices: Immunizations
    - Annual Notices: Diabetes
    - Annual Notices: Notice of Policy Regarding Immigration Enforcement Activity

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- Annual Notices: School Safety Plan and Asbestos Management Plan
- Annual Notices: Uniform Complaint Procedures

There being no comments or questions from BSS board members, Andrew Murr called for a motion to approve all items on the consent agenda for today's meeting. Jen Cole moved and Lois Levy seconded the motion. The votes were recorded as follows:

Board Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Andrew Murr	☑	☐	☐	☐
Dr. Marissiko Wheaton-Greer	☐	☐	☐	☑
Jennifer Cole	☑	☐	☐	☐
Lois Levy	☑	☐	☐	☐
Louisa Wee	☐	☐	☐	☑
Marisol León	☑	☐	☐	☐
Stephen Green	☑	☐	☐	☐
Dr. Roberta Benjamin	☑	☐	☐	☐
Alyce Johnson	☑	☐	☐	☐
David Chang	☑	☐	☐	☐
Total	8	0	0	2
Motion Carries?	Yes			

The LCAP was listed in error with the consent agenda. However, Board approval of the 26-27 LCAP occurred under Agenda Item #14 through a roll-call vote. The reference to LCAP approval within the consent agenda is corrected to avoid duplication.

23. **Closed Session:** Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation (Gov. Code section 54956.9(d)(1).) Case Name Unspecified: (disclosure would jeopardize settlement negotiations): All Board members, Ana Martinez, Angelina Calderòn, Miguel Iniguez, and Jeremy Brust entered a closed session at 6:38 p.m. At 7:11 p.m., all board members remaining, Ana Martinez and Angelina Calderòn returned from the closed session. There were no actions to report.

24. **Closed Session:** PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION (Gov. Code section 54957(b)(1).) Title: Lead Executive Officer: All Board members and Ana Martinez entered a

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closed session at 7:12 p.m. and returned at 7:25p.m. Andrew Murr reported a recommendation of contract renewal with a salary increase of 2% for FY 26-27. Andrew Murr called for a motion to approve the recommendation. Dr. Benjamin moved and Jennifer Cole seconded the motion. The votes were recorded as follows:

Board Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Andrew Murr	☑	☐	☐	☐
Dr. Marissiko Wheaton-Greer	☐	☐	☐	☑
Jennifer Cole	☑	☐	☐	☐
Lois Levy	☑	☐	☐	☐
Louisa Wee	☐	☐	☐	☑
Marisol León	☐	☐	☐	☑
Stephen Green	☑	☐	☐	☐
Dr. Roberta Benjamin	☑	☐	☐	☐
Alyce Johnson	☑	☐	☐	☐
David Chang	☑	☐	☐	☐
Total	7	0	0	3
Motion Carries?	Yes			

25. **Adjournment:** There being no further business, Andrew Murr called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Lois Levy moved, and David Chang seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Signed by:
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Andrew Murr, Board Chair

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Lydia Garcia, Manager of Compliance & Special Projects & Board Secretary