

IDEA Public Schools  
**IDEA Greater Cincinnati Board of Directors Meeting**  
January 29, 2026  
2:00 PM EST

**Board Members present virtually:** Dwight Young, Deon Mack, Timothy Fogarty, Cynthia Geer

**Non-voting Board Members present:** Deb Howard (in person) and Kristi Phillips (virtual)

**Board Members not present:** Marquicia Jones-Woods, Jorge Perez

**Staff, Legal Counsel and Consultants present:** Matt Robinson, Adam Miller, Taylor Porter, Steven Villafuerte, Adam Schira, Christina Porter, Theda Sampson, Megan Goossen, Celeste Farmer

**Audience present:** None

**Call to Order**

The meeting is called to order by Dwight Young, Board President, at 2:03 pm EST

**Approval of Agenda**

The Board passed a motion to approve the board agenda for the meeting.

Motion made by: Deon Mack  
Second to motion: Cynthia Geer  
Roll Call Vote: Tim Fogarty:  
Cynthia Geer:  
Deon Mack:  
Dwight Young:

*Motion carries.*

**Approval of Minutes**

The Board passed a motion to approve the minutes from the November 13, 2025, Board Meeting.

Motion made by: Tim Fogarty  
Second to motion: Deon Mack  
Roll Call Vote: Tim Fogarty:  
Cynthia Geer:  
Deon Mack:  
Dwight Young:

*Motion carries.*

**Public Comment**

None

## **Updates**

### **A. Executive Director Report**

- a. Matt Robinson, Executive Director, provided the Executive Director's report, including:
  1. Goals update
  2. iReady data
  3. Persistence and Recruitment Progress
  4. 2026-27 Academic Calendars

### **B. Financial Updates**

- a. Celeste Farmer, Treasurer, provided an overview and update on the financial status for IDEA Greater Cincinnati, Inc. (School), presenting the December 2025 Financial Reports, the proposed revised budget that will update the enrollment from 1,020 to 1,050 and the proposed 3-year forecast.

### **C. Fordham Updates:**

- a. Theda Sampson from Fordham shared updates from the January Sponsorship newsletter along with the FY26 Fall Site Visit.

## **Action Items:**

- A. The Board passed a motion to approve the Financial Statements December 2025 as presented by the Treasurer.

Motion made by: Cynthia Geer  
Second to motion: Tim Fogarty  
Roll Call Vote: Tim Fogarty:  
Cynthia Geer:  
Deon Mack:  
Dwight Young:

*Motion carries.*

- B. The Board passed a motion to approve the 2026-27 Academic Calendar as presented.

Motion made by: Tim Fogarty  
Second to motion: Deon Mack  
Roll Call Vote: Tim Fogarty:  
Cynthia Geer:  
Deon Mack:  
Dwight Young:

*Motion carries.*

- C. The Board passed a motion to approve the revised budget as presented.

Motion made by: Cynthia Geer  
Second to motion: Tim Fogarty

Roll Call Vote: Tim Fogarty:  
Cynthia Geer:  
Deon Mack:  
Dwight Young:

*Motion carries.*

D. The Board passed a motion to approve the 3-year forecast as presented.

Motion made by: Tim Fogarty  
Second to motion: Deon Mack  
Roll Call Vote: Tim Fogarty:  
Cynthia Geer:  
Deon Mack:  
Dwight Young:

*Motion carries.*

**Consent Agenda:**

The Board passed a motion to approve the consent agenda in one board action.

- A. Alternative Principal License Resolutions
- B. Affidavit of Compliance regarding Criminal Background Checks
- C. Contracts:
  - A. Charter Communications

Motion made by: Deon Mack  
Second to motion: Tim Fogarty  
Roll Call Vote: Tim Fogarty:  
Cynthia Geer:  
Deon Mack:  
Dwight Young:

*Motion carries.*

**Member Comment**

None

**Adjourn**

The Board adjourned the meeting at 2:59 pm EST.

I certify that the foregoing are the true and correct minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors of IDEA Greater Cincinnati held on January 29, 2026.

[Marquicia Jones-Woods \(Mar 4, 2026 23:14:01 EST\)](#)  
Marquicia Jones-Woods, Board Secretary

Mar 4, 2026

Date

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