

IDEA Greater Cincinnati Board of Directors Meeting

August 27, 2026

2:00 PM EST

Board Members present: Dwight Young, Deon Mack, Cynthia Geer, Jorge Perez, Timothy Fogarty

Non-voting Advisory Board Members present: Deb Howard, Kristi Phillips

Board Members not present: Marquicia Jones-Woods

Staff, Legal Counsel, Sponsor, and Consultants present: Adam Miller, Megan Goossen, Cassie Drewry, Kathryn Mullen, Margaret Kyle, Anthony Bennett, Sydney Cook, Steven Villafuerte, Taylor Porter, Tom Loughhead, Patricia Rodriguez, Phillip Oneal, Stephanie Teaford

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
All in favor: All present
Not in Attendance: Marquicia Jones-Woods
All Opposed: None that were present
Motion carries.

Approval of Minutes

The Board passed a motion to approve the minutes from the July 30, 2026, Board Meeting.

Motion made by: Jorge Perez
Second to motion: Cynthia Geer
All in favor: All present
Not in Attendance: Marquicia Jones-Woods
All Opposed: None that were present
Motion carries.

Public Comment

None

Executive Session

Board members recommended transitioning to and moved to enter Executive Session for the purpose to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, or compensation of a public employee or official, and the investigation of charges or complaints against a public

employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual. The board passed a motion to move into Executive Session at 2:07 pm EST.

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

Motion carries.

Open Session

The board reconvened in open session at 2:41 pm EST. No action was taken during Executive Session.

Updates

A. Executive Director Report

- a. Adam Miller, Interim Executive Director, provided the Executive Director report. The report included an update on the Executive Director transition, including the search process and timeline. A 2026-27 Enrollment Update was shared including first week of school enrollment and registration information, overall and by campus. A 2026-27 Staffing Update was provided including the fill rate of roles and quantity of hired roles by type.
- b. Adam Miller, Interim Executive Director, provided a Charter Renewal Update. The update covered the charter renewal framework, charter performance summary, root cause analysis and go-forward plan, and supplemental strategies regarding K-3 literacy and gap closing. Board Vice President, Jorge Perez, asked a question to Kathryn Mullen, Vice President for Sponsorship and Dayton Initiatives at The Thomas B. Fordham Institute, sponsor, regarding the likelihood of IDEA Greater Cincinnati being granted charter renewal. Stephanie Teaford stated that the Sponsor annually provides a summary of the School's performance to the School which includes the School's prospects for renewal. Stephanie Teaford noted that the summaries received from the Sponsor on this issue indicated that the School was likely to be renewed. Ms. Mullen responded affirmatively that the Sponsor had provided the required annual report to the School as stated by Ms. Teaford. Ms. Mullen further stated that although the School's application for renewal had not been reviewed at the time of the meeting, she expected and it could be anticipated that the School would receive a renewal contract for a three-year term.

- c. Adam Miller, Interim Executive Director, provided a Path to 2029-30 Update, including a draft Key Performance Indicator framework and annual objectives.
- B. Financial Report from Treasurer for IDEA Greater Cincinnati, Inc. (School)
 - a. Cassie Drewry, Treasurer, provided an overview and update on the financial status for IDEA Greater Cincinnati, Inc. (School), presenting the June 2026 Financial Statements, the FY27 August 2026 Budget, and the FY27 August 2026 Three-Year Financial Forecast.
- C. Compliance Updates
 - a. Adam Miller, Interim Executive Director, provided the Compliance Updates, including an overview of the Reading Improvement Plan. The Annual Health and Safety Policy Review was also covered, which included
 - a. Adam Miller, Interim Executive Director, shared the Annual Health and Safety Review. The School reviewed its policies and procedures to ensure the safety of students, employees, and other persons using a school building from any known hazards in the building or on building grounds that pose an immediate risk to health or safety. The specific health and safety policies that were reviewed included:
 - i. Accidents to Students
 - ii. AED and CPR Training
 - iii. AIDS Policy
 - iv. Bed Bug Infestations
 - v. Bomb Threat Policy
 - vi. Care of Students with Diabetes
 - vii. Control of Communicable Diseases
 - viii. Dangerous Weapons
 - ix. Emergency Medical Authorization
 - x. Emergency Medical Procedures
 - xi. Emergency Preparedness and Evacuation
 - xii. Food Services
 - xiii. Food Standards Policy
 - xiv. Free and Reduced Meals
 - xv. Handwashing Policy
 - xvi. Hazard Communication Program
 - xvii. Health Examinations and Immunizations
 - xviii. Health Services
 - xix. Illness Exposure Management of Food Service Employees
 - xx. Infectious Disease Policy
 - xxi. Non-Casual-Contact Communicable Diseases
 - xxii. OSHA and Bloodborne Pathogens
 - xxiii. OSHA and PERRP
 - xxiv. Peanut or Other Food Allergies
 - xxv. Prevention of Lead Poisoning
 - xxvi. Prior Notification of Pesticide Application
 - xxvii. Procurement of Inhaler and EpiPen
 - xxviii. Property

- xxix. Return of Unused Food Service Funds
- xxx. School Health and Safety Inspections
- xxxi. Toxic Hazards and Asbestos Hazards
- xxxii. Unpaid Meal Charges
- xxxiii. Use of Inhalers
- xxxiv. Use of Medications Policy
- xxxv. Visitors Volunteer
- xxxvi. Wellness Policy
- xxxvii. School Emergency Management Plan
- xxxviii. Head Lice
- xxxix. Naloxone Policy
- xl. Food Purchasing Policy

b. Adam Miller, Interim Executive Director, provided an overview of policies including:

- i. Cyber Threats
- ii. Parental Notification of Student Health and Well-Being
- iii. Parental Review of Instructional Materials
- iv. Political Affiliations and Ideology

Action Items:

A. The Board passed a motion to approve the June 2026 Financial Statements as presented.

Motion made by: Jorge Perez
 Second to motion: Cynthia Geer
 All in favor: All present
 Not in Attendance: Marquicia Jones-Woods
 All Opposed: None that were present
Motion carries.

B. The Board passed a motion to approve the FY27 August 2026 Budget as presented.

Motion made by: Deon Mack
 Second to motion: Cynthia Geer
 All in favor: All present
 Not in Attendance: Marquicia Jones-Woods
 All Opposed: None that were present
Motion carries.

C. The Board passed a motion to approve the FY27 August 2026 Three-Year Financial Forecast as presented.

Motion made by: Jorge Perez
 Second to motion: Cynthia Geer
 All in favor: All present
 Not in Attendance: Marquicia Jones-Woods
 All Opposed: None that were present

Motion carries.

- D. The Board passed a motion to approve the sponsorship renewal application to The Fordham Foundation in its substantial form and authorize the Board President and administrators to execute and take any other reasonably necessary actions to finalize and submit the application as presented.

Motion made by: Deon Mack
Second to motion: Timothy Fogarty
All in favor: All present
Not in Attendance: Marquicia Jones-Woods
All Opposed: None that were present

Motion carries.

- E. The Board passed a motion to approve the Reading Improvement Plan as presented.

Motion made by: Cynthia Geer
Second to motion: Timothy Fogarty
All in favor: All present
Not in Attendance: Marquicia Jones-Woods
All Opposed: None that were present

Motion carries.

- F. The Board passed a motion to approve the Cyber Threats policy as presented.

Motion made by: Deon Mack
Second to motion: Jorge Perez
All in favor: All present
Not in Attendance: Marquicia Jones-Woods
All Opposed: None that were present

Motion carries.

- G. The Board passed a motion to approve the Parental Notification of Student Health and Well-Being policy as presented.

Motion made by: Timothy Fogarty
Second to motion: Cynthia Geer
All in favor: All present
Not in Attendance: Marquicia Jones-Woods
All Opposed: None that were present

Motion carries.

- H. The Board passed a motion to approve the Parental Review of Instructional Materials policy as presented.

Motion made by: Timothy Fogarty

Second to motion: Cynthia Geer
All in favor: All present
Not in Attendance: Marquicia Jones-Woods
All Opposed: None that were present

Motion carries.

- I. The Board passed a motion to approve the Political Affiliations and Ideology policy as presented.

Motion made by: Deon Mack
Second to motion: Cynthia Geer
All in favor: All present
Not in Attendance: Marquicia Jones-Woods
All Opposed: None that were present

Motion carries.

Consent Agenda:

The Board reviewed the consent agenda items. The Board elected to table the data sharing agreement with Teach for America.

A motion was made to approve the revised Consent agenda, excluding the Teach for America data sharing agreement.

- A. Bank Signature Authority update
- B. Contracts:
 - A. EPIC Special Education Staffing

Motion made by: Cynthia Geer
Second to motion: Timothy Fogarty
All in favor: All present
Not in Attendance: Marquicia Jones-Woods
All Opposed: None that were present

Motion carries.

Member Comment

None

Adjourn

The Board adjourned the meeting at 4:02 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 August 27, 2026.



[Marquicia Jones-Woods \(Oct 28, 2026 10:36:30 EDT\)](#)

Marquicia Jones-Woods, Board Secretary

Oct 28, 2026

Date

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